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ON IMPULSE OF MOMENT

T[illegible] Ce[illegible] Hamilton Appears Before Albany Insurance Committee.

UNLIMBERS HIS GUNS

And Pours Hot Broadsides in New York Life Trustees.

[illegible] N. Y., March 15.—Andrew [illegible] appeared before the insurance investigating committee this afternoon [illegible] broke the silence which [illegible] maintained except for his [illegible] brought from Paris by [illegible] McCall ever since his name [illegible] first mentioned in investigation [illegible] the great [illegible] connection with [illegible] to [illegible] legislative work [illegible] New York Life and other [illegible]

Gets Dramatic.

[illegible] exaggerate [illegible] by his unexpected [illegible] by the speech [illegible] dramatic [illegible] episode [illegible] a tremendous [illegible] his [illegible] praised [illegible] Judge Hamilton [illegible] members [illegible] of the New [illegible] several [illegible] and paying [illegible] one [illegible] Pecksniff [illegible] confidant of [illegible] another and [illegible] yet another [illegible] he demanded [illegible] same [illegible] to McCall [illegible] years and not [illegible] were dismissed [illegible] talking about [illegible]

Speaks of McCall.

[illegible] President McCall [illegible] He spoke [illegible] as having been [illegible] with the [illegible] Then [illegible] ever deserted and [illegible] the memory of this man [illegible] something for him and [illegible] for myself."

[illegible] that [illegible] the New [illegible] with the knowledge [illegible] of the trustees [illegible] He pointed out that if [illegible] been anything the matter [illegible] for these payments [illegible] year after year, for [illegible] passed them, and then [illegible] at last comes out, they [illegible] did not know anything [illegible] this is the fellow that is [illegible] that has done it all." When [illegible] they did not know what was [illegible] it excites my laughter and [illegible]

The Paris Account.

He declared again and again that [illegible] were proper and legitimate [illegible] he had no apology to make [illegible] for President McCall. [illegible] of his most interesting statements [illegible] was that in spite of reports to [illegible] the so-called "Paris account" [illegible] was actually reported and approved by the auditing committee.

Patted On Back.

[illegible] surprise from the great [illegible] that filled the assembly chamber [illegible] the fact of Judge Hamilton's [illegible] became known about [illegible] broke out with a roar of [illegible] as his reference to the [illegible] with which he said his vicissitudes [illegible] for the New York Life were [illegible] by officials of the company [illegible] would come and pat me on the [illegible]" he said, with a bitter sneer [illegible] who would not know me [illegible] would come and pat me on [illegible] and say, 'you did it.'"

Loud Applause.

[illegible] of applause followed his [illegible] reference to the yellow dog [illegible] of courage and loyalty [illegible] who stood around this [illegible] has occurred. "The curs [illegible] of these transactions and [illegible] their shoes, they are the [illegible] that is the reason that I [illegible] before you and say that the [illegible] interest of two billion dollars of [illegible] and four hundred million [illegible] of assets can never be [illegible] trusted to the hands and administration of a lot of curs."

[illegible] was the ostensible purpose of [illegible] appearance before the committee [illegible] the pending bill of [illegible] which would legislate [illegible] board of directors out of [illegible] provide for complete reorganization in November next.

Was Unexpected.

[illegible] appearance was totally [illegible] by the committee and he [illegible] both in his speech and to his [illegible] before and after it that it [illegible] as much to himself—that [illegible] was only at luncheon today that the [illegible] seized him to come before the committee and have his say in favor of the bill referred to, with a word for President McCall and for himself. He arrived unannounced not long after 4 o'clock, sat back in the room and for a time was recognized only by one or two newspaper men. The interest was intense as he passed down amid silence to his place before the committee.

Among those who sat near as he began his bitter arraignment of New York Life Trustees were the following members of the board:

Rufus S. Weeks, vice president and actuary; T. A. Buckner, vice president; D. P. Kingsley, vice president; John C. McCall, secretary, and J. H. McIntosh.

Made More Dramatic.

Judge Hamilton's attack upon the trustees of the New York Life was made more dramatic by the fact that he immediately followed J. H. McIntosh, general solicitor of that company, who had been eulogizing the members of that board and challenging any man to give reasons why they should be removed from office as contemplated by pending legislation.

MOB AT THE OMAHA JAIL

Wanted to Lynch Hold Up Men But Police Disperse Them.

Omaha, March 15.—A mob has attacked the jail in an effort to sieze and lynch the hold up men confined there.

The mob was after four white men charged with the murder of Nels Lausten, a saloonkeeper while holding up his saloon, and three negroes charged with holding up of a street car and killing the conductor.

The mob battered down the door of the jail at 12:45 and some of their number entered the building. At this juncture about forty policemen arrived on the scene and within five minutes the mob had been driven from the jail grounds. The officers used their clubs on some of the members of the mob but no arrests were made. The mob is dispersing.

RESIGNATIONS DEMANDED

Resolution Concerning Depew and Platt Causes a Sensation.

New York, March 15.—A resolution offered in the republican county committee of New York tonight calling upon Senators Platt and Depew to resign their seats in the United States senate was defeated by the adoption of a motion to lay it on the table. Its reading created a sensation. The demand for resignations was based upon the recent insurance investigation in this state.

POSSIBLE COMPROMISE

If One Is Made on Rate Bill It Will be On Suspension of Limit.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—If a compromise is effected in the senate on the railroad rate bill the indications are that it will be in the nature of a time limit on suspension of orders of the interstate commerce commission.

Several senators said today that if they thought a review by the courts could be facilitated in such a manner as would insure protection of the interests of shippers the judiciary review feature could be adopted.

Various rate bills containing provisions for a review by courts of the orders of the commission declare appeals for the commission shall receive preference over other causes in the circuit court. It is argued congress could provide that the decision should be returned within a stated period from the date of appeal and in that manner suspension of the order of the commission brought down to the minimum.

CONFESS TO BIG FORGERIES.

Men Arrested in Chicago Admit of Much Crookedness.

Chicago, March 15.—Charles White, recently arrested in Dayton, Ohio, and Jeff Davis and George Grant, who have also been arrested on the charge of being members of a gang of forgers, were today taken to the office of Police Inspector Lavin, where Grant and White confessed their forgeries. Davis would make no confession, and declared that he did not know either White or Grant. According to the confession forgeries of the pay checks brought $1,400 in various Indiana towns; $1,100 in St. Louis; $3,500 in Cincinnati; $1,500 in Joliet, and $2,500 from the Illinois Steel company at South Chicago.

THE NON-RESERVE CLAUSE

No Good in Baseball Contract Says National Commission.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 15.—The National Base Ball commission today refused an application of the Burlington Iowa, club which appealed from the decision of the National association board, awarding player Wilkes to Sioux City.

President Egan, of the Burlington club, requested the commission to award Wilkes to his club, contending that Wilkes signed a non-reserve contract with Manager Frisbee of Burlington without his (Egan's) knowledge or authority. Egan further contended that the non-reserve contract must be signed by the president of the club and promulgated in official bulletins.

The commission, passing on the case, say the rule in respect to non-reserve contracts is plain and that a player cannot be held by a club with which he has a contract with the reserve clause stricken out.

HOUSE WILL STAND PAT

Members in Conference Outline Position on Statehood.

THEY WILL NOT RECEDE

They Lock Horns With Senate for Bitter Fight to The Finish.

Washington, March 15.—As a result of a caucus which lasted two and a half hours today, the republicans of the house voted 126 to 33 to stand by the statehood bill as it passed the house and ask the senate for a conference on the measure. This vote followed immediately after a resolution was offered by Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, representing the insurgents, had been defeated 123 to 13, the Mondell resolution being to agree to the senate amendment eliminating Arizona and New Mexico from the bill and asking a conference on minor amendments in the measure.

Several speeches were made. They were limited to five minutes each, but in the case of Speaker Cannon and Mr. Hamilton, of Michigan, chairman of the committee on territories, the time was extended.

Mr. Hamilton opened the discussion with a plea for the original house bill. He said it had already been endorsed by three republican conferees. He discussed and opposed the Foraker amendment, declaring it to be in the interest of corporations in the two territories affected. He contended that the bill was supported by the president and by Speaker Cannon. "Let us follow them and fight it out with the senate," was his concluding admonition.

Mr. Mondell, in offering his proposition for concurrence, paid high tribute to the speaker, but declared those who opposed his position were only acting in accordance with their duty. He discussed the binding effect of the caucus and declared he should not be bound by this one.

Cannon Speaks.

The speaker followed, touching first on the binding effect of both caucuses and conferences. He took the position that where the party took action on any matter of this nature all members participating were bound by that action. He made a point that there were twenty residents of Oklahoma and Indian Territory who objected to being tied together where there was one in Arizona and New Mexico. He admitted he was being deluged with telegrams on behalf of Oklahoma. He contended the effect of admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory at this time and not disposing of Arizona and New Mexico only meant that there would be four new senators from Arizona and New Mexico instead of but two in case the house stood firm.

Utters a Wish.

"I wish to God," he remarked, "the senate was twice as good as it is." It performs its functions fairly well, it's our senate, but to add four senators where but two should be added," he declared, "would give the senate too much influence as compared with the house, based on population." Reviewing legislation before congress, he said the rate bill would pass; that if the house would stand firm its statehood bill would also become a law, "and we can stand here three months," he declared.

Addressing insurgents, he added: "Why join the democracy, in order to have your own way?" The speaker then turned his face toward the senate and remarked, "On what meat doth this our Caesar feed that it had grown so great?"

"My judgment is that statehood will come as the house bill contemplates."

Insurgent Talk.

Mr. Babcock of Wisconsin, followed. He at once accused the leaders with being eager enough to join with the democrats on the Philippine bill, and were now criticising those who intended joining them on statehood. "You fooled the members by calling in a conference," he continued, "when you knew if you called it a caucus you could not get a quorum. If the bill goes to conference as suggested, it will die."

Complaint was also made by Mr. Stevenson, of Minnesota, against being drawn into the caucus on the pretense it was a conference. Mr. Davidson of Wisconsin counselled treating the senate as an equal. He declared plainly he should not stand by the house bill.

Mr. Waldo, of New York, declared the senators who are anti-rate men have formed a combination with the democrats to defeat the house rate bill and Philippine bill. To meet this combination, he declared, it would be bad policy for the house to yield on statehood and have nothing with which to fight.

Speeches were made by several others and after a vote had been taken on the two propositions, Mr. Bonygne of Colorado, asked unanimous consent to offer a resolution declaring the conference not binding. Mr. Watson at once objected, and the session was declared ended.

LAFOLLETTE'S BILL

Limits Hours of Employes of Common Carriers May Work.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Senator LaFollette today introduced a bill making it the duty of the interstate commerce commission to prescribe the maximum number of hours above which a common carrier shall not require or permit employes to remain on duty. The purpose of the bill is to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads.

DOWNER QUITS.

Madison, Wis., March 15.—George F. Downer, graduate manager of athletics, University of Wisconsin, resigned today, ascribing as the cause the general condition of the athletic situation.

KILLS ACTRESS AND SELF

Louis Nosser of New York First Imprisoned Wife in a Bath Room.

New York, March 17.—Louis Nosser, a race track man, locked his wife in a bathroom today and while she was a prisoner there shot and killed Miss Stella Reynolds of New Orleans, an actress, who was a visitor at their home, and then killed himself. Miss Reynolds it is said, was formerly an intimate friend of Nosser.

The murder and suicide was the sequence of a stormy scene last evening when Miss Reynolds called at the Nosser home. Mrs. Nosser, it was reported, objected to the call and during the argument which followed, her husband swallowed a small quantity of laudanum. Both women by uniting their efforts forced him to take an emetic immediately and the poison did him no apparent harm.

Wife Telephones for Aid.

Miss Reynolds then remained with Mrs. Nosser all night. Today, while his wife was in the bathroom, Nosser turned the key, and disregarding her protestations to be let out, he went to Miss Reynolds' room. Their voices, the man's threatening and the woman's pleading, were heard by the wife in the bathroom. She sprang to a telephone which ran from this room to the office of the apartment house told a maid who answered her ring, to hurry to the apartment and release her.

The maid entered the apartment too late to save Miss Reynolds' life. As she opened the door she heard Nosser saying to the woman: "There is no use for you and I to live any longer. The best thing I can do is to kill you and kill myself."

Nosser then shot Miss Reynolds in the temple and himself in the forehead, both dying almost instantly. Miss Reynolds' stage name was Estelle Young. Nosser was 40 years of age and Miss Reynolds about 25.

AFTER ANOTHER BOND CO.

American Reserve of Chicago Alleged to Be Fraudulent and Insolvent.

Louisville, Ky., March 15.—Charges of fraud and insolvency were made in a suit filed against the American Reserve Bond company of Chicago, asking for a receiver for the concern. Millions of dollars of investors all over the United States are involved in the suit, which was filed in the United States court by Levi Hake and Mary E. Welch, investors in the company.

The company is the largest one of the few remaining numerous "bond investment" and "cereal bond" investment companies which flourished extensively in many states for several years.

It is charged that in merging with two other companies, the Austin Land and Lumber company was formed which exchanged 40,000 acres in Washington county, Mo., placing the value at $530,000 which the plaintiff alleges was only worth $100,000. Other allegations of irregularity are made. The company immediately filed cross suit, claiming $50,000 damages because of allegations made by plaintiffs in the suit for a receiver.

GIRL WHO SHOT RUSSIAN

Subjected to Inhuman Treatment by Officers to Force a Confession.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—Procurator of Tamboff has investigated the case of M'lle. Spiridonovo, the 17-year-old girl who shot M. Luzhenoffsky, chief of the secret police of Taboff, and who, it has been alleged, was treated in prison with extreme cruelty. The prosecutor found the allegations correct.

On February 25 a letter from the girl was published in St. Petersburg in which the writer alleged that after her arrest for shooting Luzhenoffsky she was knocked down and beaten by Cossacks with whips and rifle butts.

She was then dragged by her hair down stairs to a sleigh, taken to the police station, undressed and thrust into a damp, cold cellar, where she was subjected to eleven hours' torment in order to force her to reveal the names of her accomplices.

She added that two officers repeatedly dragged her back and forth across her cell, tearing her hair, burning her flesh with their cigarettes and threatened her to abandonment to the Cossacks unless she confessed. Her skull was fractured in two places, one eye injured, and her body a mass of bruises from head to foot.

GOES TO SEE HILL.

Judge Parker to Confer With Sage of Wolferts Roost.

Augusta, Ga., March 15.—Judge Alton B. Parker passed through this city today on his way to Camden, where he went to confer with David B. Hill. He denied having given out the alleged interview at Birmingham to the effect that he believed Roosevelt will seek another nomination and declined to discuss that subject.

HABEAS CORPUS WRITS

Boise, Idaho, March 15.—Judge Beatty, of the United States court, this afternoon granted alternative writs of habeas corpus petitioned for by attorneys for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The writs were made returnable Monday morning, when the matter will be argued and submitted.

DOLAN THROWN OUT OF OFFICE

Ohio Operators Threaten to Quit Collecting The Union Dues.

MITCHELL TALKS HOPEFULLY

Little Accomplished at Special Convention of the Miners.

Indianapolis, March 15—The International executive board of United Mine Workers of America at a meeting this evening following the adjournment of the national convention approved the finding of President Mitchell in the matter of ousting Patrick Dolan from the presidency of district No. 5 Western Pennsylvania, and will report to the board tomorrow will confirm the ousting of Dolan by a convention of district No. 5 and the appointment of three members of executive board to take charge of district affairs until the office is filled by special election.

After a heated session lasting three hours, behind closed doors in which Dolan's claims were argued by himself and Uriah Bellingham, vice president of the district, who was ousted from his office, the board voted unanimously to sustain the action of the president and district convention.

Little Accomplished.

Little was accomplished by the special national convention of United Mine Workers today beyond organization of delegates and the appointment of the committees. President Mitchell delivered his address in which he explained the reasons for calling the extraordinary meeting and counseled conservative procedure in an effort to preserve peace in the coal industry.

Ohio Operators Now Move.

According to authorative reports, Ohio operators have determined to abolish the check-off system by which operators collect dues for miners organization and which, operators allege is the backbone of the union.

According to the reports, they will sign no agreement that does not carry provision abrogating this arrangement.

Mitchell's Address.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15.—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened at 10 o'clock today with over a thousand delegates present. The convention was called by President Mitchell to consider action which may result in an agreement with the coal operators that will prevent a general strike on April 1 that would bring 450,000 men from the mines. The conference with the operators will begin here Monday.

Mitchell's Address.

President Mitchell in his address to the convention outlined at considerable length the principal incidents and causes that prompted him to call an extraordinary meeting, which followed conferences with coal operators and labor leaders and said:

"As a result of these meetings we came to believe there had been such changes in the coal trade, or at least in the attitude of many operators, as to justify the hope that there was a possibility of reaching an agreement provided the joint conventions were reconvened."

Mitchell quoted a letter from President Roosevelt addressed to him (Mitchell) and Francis L. Robbins, president of the Pittsburg Coal company, as additional justification for making another effort to reach an agreement and continued:

Is Hopeful.

"While of course many conflicting and inharmonious statements emanating from various sources and purporting to reflect the views of the operators seems to indicate entire absence of unity and concord among them in regard to advancing wages, I am nevertheless hopeful if not fully convinced that the urgency and seriousness of the situation will prompt them to make such reasonable concessions in the matter of wages and conditions as will enable us to join them in rehabilitation of our joint agreement and perpetuation of the practical relationship under which we have worked with mutual advantage during the past eight years, and to this end I feel it incumbent upon me to say that a very large degree of responsibility will rest upon us if these proposed negotiations lead to success."

In conclusion Mitchell expressed the hope that acrimonious debate during deliberations of the convention will be entirely eliminated and that harmony and unity will prevail.

Following appointment of the committee on rules the convention took recess.

GENTLEMAN'S GAME.

Gardener and Poggenburg Tied for First Place in Billiard Tourney.

Chicago, March 15.—Edward Gardner, of Passaic, N. J., and J. F. Poggenburg of New York, at the end of tonight's play in the amateur billiard tournament, were tied for first place, both players having won three games since the tournament started. Neither has lost a game. Poggenburg by his excellent work today holds the high run for the tournament so far, having made 112 in his game with Wright today. He also made the high average for the tournament in this game, 16, 12-18.

THREE HUNDRED REBELS KILL

British Punitive Expedition Wipes Out Sokoto Revolt.

London, March 15.—A dispatch from Zungeru, Northern Nigeria, to the Mail today reports a British punitive expedition has crushed the Sokoto revolt after heavy fighting in which the rebels twice charged the British square.

TILLMAN FLAYS RAILROAD

Declares Roosevelt's Demand for Regulation is Just and Nonpartisan.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Senator Tillman today presented to the senate his report from the committee on interstate commerce on the house railroad rate bill, which expressed his views but did not pretend to speak for any other member of the committee. It embodied the first clear and concise statement of the differences concerning court review features and other proposed amendments that had made a unanimous report from the committee impossible.

The senator declared it to be his belief that the bill should be amended, but that amendments should not be of a character to impair or prevent the accomplishment of the objects of the legislation, which are set forth best, he says, in the president's message to congress. He emphasized the need of regarding the measure as non-partisan, but predicted that the issue created will be paramount in the next presidential election. As to the effect, he said:

"Those who are responsible for delay or inadequate legislation will find that when at last the flood gates of popular wrath and indignation are hoisted there will have been some fine grinding done.

Lack of Harmony.

"This lack of harmony among the supporters of the bill brings about the anomalous situation in which a member of the minority party in congress is put in charge in the senate of proposed legislation which is generally regarded throughout the country as the cherished scheme of the president, with whose general policy and principals that member is not in accord. At the same time the bill is designed to carry into effect his own long cherished convictions and the party to which he belongs. thrice reiterated demands of the

"It is impossible to deny that this great accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few is such a menace to liberty that the honest patriot stands appalled by the outlook."

Continuing he said:

"Vested with the rights of eminent domain to construct their lines and granted liberal franchises and charters, the railroads, designed to be public carriers for the benefit of the whole people, in the last few years have become rapidly transformed into the veriest band of robbers—highwaymen, who do not thrust their pistols in the faces of their victims and demand money or their lives, but who levy tribute in freight rates which are as high as the traffic will bear, deny access to market, monopolize with brazen effrontery one of the prime necessaries of life—coal—and in every way show their absolute contempt for the people and the people's rights."

THE WALSH RAILWAYS

Offered For Sale at $25,000,000 While Bid Is Only $20,000,000.

New York, March 15.—Representatives of the Chicago clearing house committee which has charge of the affairs of John R. Walsh, the insolvent banker of that city, were in conference here today with heads of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway; Pennsylvania railroad, and Rock Island company.

The conference had to do with the sale of Walsh railroad properties, the Indiana & Southern railways. It is understood the Chicago committee fix $25,000,000 as the minimum price and that the offer of the railroads is near $20,000,000. The offer is to be submitted to creditors without delay.

TILLMAN READ REPORT

And Nelson Makes a Speech on the Rate Bill.

Washington, March 15.—The senate today continued consideration of the railroad rate question by listening to the reading of the report on the house bill by Mr. Tillman and to a speech on that measure by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Tillman's report was read at the request of Mr. Aldrich, who said he was curious to hear the opinion of the South Carolina senator.

Brief attention was given to the message of the president transmitting the letter to the secretary of war relating to the recent Moro battle. Mr. Bacon spoke of the killing of the Moros as "slaughter," and Mr. Lodge deprecated criticism until the facts should be known.

The house resolution giving the interstate commerce commission authority to administer oaths in connection with the investigation of the charges of discrimination made against railroads, was adopted without resorting to the formality of requiring its reference to a committee. Mr. Stone's resolution directing an inquiry into the postoffice department's rulings on the admission of college publications to the mails as second-class matter also was adopted.

A large number of private pension bills and some other semi-private bills were passed.

The senate adjourned until Monday.

NO DANGER IN CHINA.

General Wood's Aid Finds That People Are Tranquil.

Manila, March 15.—Colonel Knight, Major General Wood's chief of staff, has returned from a reconnaissance of the situation in China. He reports that there is absolutely no danger of trouble and that tranquility prevails.

CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT

Provided in Bill Submitted By Senator Kittredge.

CUTS DOWN COMMISSION

Provides For Appeals And Extradition Treaty to Zone.

Washington, March 15.—With the type of canal and method of construction yet undetermined the senate committee on interoceanic canals has under consideration a bill to provide for a government canal zone and other matters subject to legislative control. The draft which is before the committee in the form of a confidential print, was prepared by Senator Kittredge and is similar to one offered a year ago, which failed to pass because of the controversy over the size an personel of the canal commission.

The bill authorizes the president to delegate to the commission power to make and enforce regulations necessary for government of the zone but reserves to both the president and either house of congress the right to require full and complete reports from the commission or employes, annually or at any other period. The same methods of estimated expenditures and appropriation are applied to the canal work as are required by various executive departments.

Officers There.

Offices of administration shall be located and maintained in the canal zone and is required as far as practicable the work of the commission shall be concentrated there.

Federal laws relative to employes outside of boundaries of the United States are applied to employes in the canal zone, but the bill leaves for consideration of the commission the percentum increased allowed in case of clerks employed within the zone.

Separate accounts are required of funds of the Panama railway company and expenditures for the administration of the canal. All franchises or concessions must be approved by the president, but congress retains power of modification or revocation.

Court of Appeals.

The circuit court of appeals for the second judicial district is given jurisdiction over all civil cases appealed from the courts of the zone to be established under general authority given by the president to the commission. Extradition treaties between the United States and foreign countries are extended to the zone.

Three Commissioners.

Senator Kittredge also has submitted to the committee a bill amending the act proving for the construction of the canal so as to decrease the commission to three members. The commissioners under this bill would receive such salaries as the president directed until the salaries are fixed by congress.

ALLEGED PLOT IS NOTHING BUT HOAX

Lawrence Rogers, Who Told Story, Now Held for Perjury.

New York, March 15.—The alleged plot to assassinate Rev. Dr. Parkhurst was a hoax according to a confession made today by Lawrence Rogers, the man who told the story upon which the investigation of the alleged plot was based.

Rogers' confession was made in the police court this afternoon while he was being examined in John Doe proceedings in connection with the affair.

He was promptly arrested on motion of District Attorney Jerome and held for the grand jury on a charge of perjury.

FIFTY DOLLAR FINE

Belle Bishop Is Found Guilty at Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, March 15.—The jury in the case that tried Belle Bishop, the young woman charged with keeping an assignation house, brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed the fine at $50 and costs. Mrs. Bishop is the woman who successfully defied the police for a week or more and would not surrender. A state of siege was declared and she finally gave in. Her attorneys are not satisfied with the finding of the jury and announce that they will appeal the case.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR RED CLARK

Bloomington Crook Goes Back to South Bend for Trial.

South Bend, Ind., March 15.—Thos. Edward Clark, alias "Red" Austin, wanted in Bloomington, Ill., Pontiac, Mich., and other cities for alleged confidence games, is to be brought back to South Bend for another trial the appellate court today reversing the decision sending him to prison for fourteen years.

Hurricane In Black Sea.

Simferpol, Russia, March 15.—A hurricane has raged for three days in the Black Sea. Great damage has been done and in every port shipping has been disabled.

THE LOCAL WEATHER.

The local weather conditions for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 p. m. Thursday as reported by J. H. Coonradt, government observer, follow:

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Lowest	17
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CONSPIRACY WAS CHARGED

That Was More Than Could Be Proven And Case Was Dismissed

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However Under a Different Form of Action

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FUNERALS.

Mrs Rachel Hoofhein

The funeral of Mrs Rachel Hoffhein was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Mrs J T Wir... 1603 N ... College street The services were conducted by Rev Robert ... pastor of the Presbyterian church of Maroa ... Following the services at the house the body was sent on the 12 30 o'clock train to Bement where a short service was held after which the body was buried in the Bement cemetery

Mrs Rachel Hoffhein ... born

Obituary

... county ... October 21 18... She died at the home of her son Otis ... Decatur ... 12th ... of Ma... 1906 She lived with her daughter Mrs Doty of ... [illegible] She has been a member of the Methodist church ... [illegible]

NEW FAD PHOTO MAN

Left Here After Doing a Good Business For a Few Months.

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WHEAT LOOKS WELL

City Clerk Leach Says Kansas Prospect Is Good

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COAL RIGHTS

For the M & C Company Filed for Record

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OUTSIDE THE PRESERVES

The Duck Shooting Is Better Than on the Inside

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HELPS EMPLOYES OF RAILROADS

Each Has a Bill to Regulate Hours of Work

Washington ... [illegible] ... hours ... of employes ... [illegible]

Segars

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Fond of Fish

... [illegible] ... Fisher ... [illegible] ... calling the fish ... This refuse passed into the river through the ... sewers The men ... it not only kills but drives fish away ...

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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MAJORITY WANTED BRICK

But Board of Local Improvements Gave East Marietta Asphalt.

In ... the public improvements board action in deciding on asphalt pavement for East Marietta street It was stated in the Herald yesterday morning that a few persons there wanted brick and had objected Instead of a few wanting brick a majority were in favor of this kind of pavement according to former City Attorney Latham who represented the petitioners He had a petition representing 1300 feet of frontage asking for brick but got no attention paid it

The first move in this improvement was in favor of bitulithic pavement but when the board met it was found that the people did not want to experiment with the new paving Then the asphalt talk came up and the members of the board expressed themselves favorable to that

City Attorney Latham met and talked with Mayor Lehman and told him that many people on the street did not want asphalt but favored the large paving brick They had come to him to get them up a petition and he had done so and they were insisting ... He was told by the mayor that it would do no good for the board was going to have the street paved with asphalt

Notwithstanding this notice ... Attorney Latham was on hand at the public meeting Monday but his efforts were of no avail as the board clung to its decision in favor of the asphalt

The majority having signed for brick do not feel any too good over the matter They don't think that their claim ... However the law is not with them but with the board It does not make any difference what the property owners want in the way of material the public improvement board can give them any thing they want to It is only by courtesy that the property owner is given a show to determine the material that he would like to see on his street

U. OF I. MEN TO MEET

Second Annual Banquet of Decatur Club to Be Held March 30.

The University of Illinois club of Decatur will hold their second annual ... and banquet on Friday evening March 30 The place of meeting has not yet been definitely decided upon but will be at one of the two hotels

The ... club was organized in February of last year It includes every graduate in what is complete one semester at the university and the membership is not restricted to Decatur alone There are many from surrounding towns who belong It started with a good membership and at the first banquet there were about forty present The membership now numbers about seventy five and all are anticipating a delightful meeting on the 30th

The present officers of the club are Dr J ... president R ... Persinger vice president James Ashmore secretary and Dr R ... Morris ... The executive committee is composed of H H ... Don Lehman and Charles Ewing

Invitations have been issued for the coming event but as the membership list was not entirely complete the committee is afraid lest some have been overlooked If there are any who have been missed the committee will be glad to have them notify Dr R ... Morris at once

CORN GOING HIGHER

Prediction Made That Prices Will Soar Before New Crop Is Planted

... prices will be strong before planting time ... grain ... There is every reason to be ... the ... and the statement is made ... I wish to influence the ... as you know ... personally prefer to have the grain ... The bulk of the corn ... farmers who ... afford to hold ... in the county elevators

Just now the consumers are not getting much grain ... The farmers cannot on account of the roads deliver grain if they would and the country elevator man generally believes that before seeding time the prices will be higher and he declines to sell unless he gets something near ... the open market price

As soon as the snow has disappeared and the soil is fit to work the farmers will get onto their fields busy with the work of getting in seed for ... crop They will not have time to take advantage of the roads and ... then ...

... consumption is proceeding at ... and the grain must come from the country elevators if it ... the consumer That means that except in rare cases the profit will go to the elevator man and not ... the farmer But the majority ... them who sold early ... from 38 to 40 cents and they did not lose anything at that price If ... a little of a profit the farmer has no just cause for complaint He has already had his share ... It is a cinch that the price of corn will go higher before the new crop is in the ground

A Restful Man

... He is one of the most restful men I have ever met ... [illegible] ... the conclusion

BASEBALL VS. SNOWBALL

Manager Leewe Refuses to Venture Out Into Snow Drifts.

TALKS OF PROSPECTS

A Few Other Things of Interest to the Fans.

Manager ... Leewe is ... [illegible] ... afraid of being caught in a snow drift ... after the fashion of the sweet singer from Moultrie ... six feet of slush on East Eldorado street Monday ... [illegible]

Leewe voices the sentiments of Manager Frank Donnelly of Springfield in his statement that it is going to be a ... this season after the pennant ... the pennant is going to be ... earned ... that ... team ... manages to land it and before the season closes there will be the biggest and hottest series of diamond ... that ... When asked which teams looked best to him he said there was little ... [illegible]

McFarland ... [illegible]

New Score Card

Frank Mat... and Lee Hill who have the ... and refreshment stand privileges at the ball park are preparing a new kind of score card for the association that will ... the large ... of last year It is to be ... will be twelve ... page will appear ... Manager Ed Leewe and ... Monte McFarland ... for giving Mac's ... the high regard the fans still hold for him ... On the other pages will appear ... of the different business firms ... book will be ... in length

Barry Still at Home

A letter from ... Barry the former Decatur ... who has been in ... Wis ... says he has been ordered to report to the Boston American ... that ... order he is still in Watertown and will remain there until ... Washington ... 10th ... the club ... training camp in the south Barry ... [illegible]

A Sore Dope Writer

The ... scribe on the Spring... Journal takes for granted that ... all hopes of even ... for the pennant merely because ... an announcement ... to the effect that ... thought ... an unusually ... this season It's a bad ... the Journal ... has of showing ... He seems to think that ... things are to be said about ... teams it should be ... Springfield ... opinions to ourselves In another item the same writer in speaking of Ross Thornton ... would that he will not play ball this year says perhaps a layoff of one year would teach him how to be a gentleman even in uniform This is entirely uncalled for from the Journal man and merely shows that there is a sore spot somewhere in his makeup over the fact that Ross like any other gentleman would do refused to stand for being called a lot of names that no one but a brute and a tough would think of calling a fellow ball player

No Foolishness With Mac.

Manager Monte McFarland of Dubuque has brought Davidson to time and the fielder has sent in his contract properly signed Davidson was hanging out for more money with Reagan but like ... Linpart of Springfield when Jimmy Callahan's ball business got mixed up in the courts he thought it the wisest policy to get into the safe retreat and accordingly signed his Dubuque contract and sent it in Reagan however is still out and Mac says he can stay out that he does not want him and would not take him at any price after the way he has acted He intends teaching the smart young fielder a lesson that he will remember for some time to come Another man will be landed within the next few days who will be just as good as Regan

Hold Business Meeting

The Bloomington baseball association held a meeting last night to talk over matters relative to the coming season On account of the kind of weather that is being dished out to us right at present some of the Bloomington directors have come to the conclusion that March 27 is a trifle early to ask the players to report and this was one of the principal questions they wanted to get together on They also disposed of the matter of some of the players asking for more salary Farkey Stoll and Moore are the old ones seeking raises and they can take it out in seeking Bill Connors has plenty of men without them

Balliett Reports

Guy Balliett who made his debut into the Three I league with Decatur two years ago and has since served on about every team of the circuit has reported at Bloomington for the season He is a trifle early but wanted to be sure of getting there on time The Bloomington papers say he is looking fine and hopes to remain that way Guy was one of the two Three I twirlers who pitched a no hit no run game last year It was his downfall however as he got mixed up with the good fellows after that and kept on the toboggan until Manager Connors turned him loose and kept him going He promised to be very good this year and will be given another trial He has been ... working on a railroad in Iowa this winter

New Pitcher for Peoria

Pres ... of the Peoria Three I ... baseball ... this morning received a signed contract from Pitcher Louis Wagner last year with the ... This ... completing the ... contract into with the south ... Pitchers Asher and Wagner ... two crack men This makes twenty three contracts received to date leaving but one ... to be heard from

Holland Loses an Umpire

Manager Frank P ... of the Jackson ville team in the K I T league completed his lineup for the training season on having signed thirty one ... Two of these are well known to the Three Eye ... being the veteran shortstop formerly with Cedar Rapids while Mike Lawrence is an outfielder who was with Peoria last season Pres ... Holland was considering Lawrence for umpire this season but from the fact that he has signed with Jacksonville he may have decided that there is more attraction for him in the ranks of the players John Hagel has been secured for third base He was given a trial for third base two seasons ago

Bill May Yet Pass

The bill knocking out Sunday baseball may yet score in the Iowa legislature The Crist bill which passed the senate and afterward was recalled from the house and handed over to the senate committee on judiciary is showing signs of being very much alive A majority of members of the committee refuse to act the role of executioners and it is probable the bill will come on the floor of the senate this week with an amendment prohibiting baseball on Decoration day It will be so amended if Senator Whipple who is a member of the committee has his way about it There was a lively scene in the senate committee on judiciary over the bill When Chairman Dowell who represents the city of Des Moines which has a team in the western league had laid before the committee bills referred to it there was a call for the baseball bill This demand assumed the proportions of an order by the vote of the majority of the committee and of course the bill was forthcoming After a lively discussion Senator Whipple moved the bill be referred to a subcommittee of three with instructions to report to the committee at the next meeting This was ... and the bill was referred to Senators Courtright Bruce and Whipple

DEEDS RECORDED

Lewis F Brown to Julius L Betts lot 1 and 2 block 10 Last Park ... addition to Decatur $700

Thomas B ... to Herbert N and Lucy A Capps 44 feet off the north end of lot 1 of H H Brown's subdivision an addition to Decatur $1,400

John N Bommersbach to Michael Ry... lot 1 in assessor's sub division of lot 1 of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10 16 2 east $1700

Robert P ... to August Nuefske lot 13 block 4 of Beman's place $00

Frank Blenz to Nancy A Greening lot 6 block 3 of Oakland place $3,200

John F Shepherd to George R Trenchard ... hundred and ten acres off the east side of the northwest quarter ... east $11,500

Samuel Potter to George Vanfries ... acres off the east side of lot 2 in Crook's addition to Maroa $...

William J Pond to John R Wall lot 11 block 1 of W J Quinlan's first addition to Decatur $1,400

HOSPITAL AID

The Fourth Ward Hospital Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs Hopping 843 East Wood street on Wednesday March 14 at 3 p m All ladies are invited whether members of the Aid or not Hattie J Kriegbaum secretary.

First ward of the Hospital Aid will meet with Mrs G D Steele at the Walston hotel for all day sewing Wednesday March 14 Lunch will be served at the hotel All members of the Aid and any other people that are interested in the hospital work are invited

The Fifth Ward Hospital Aid will meet with Mrs Schmugge 1112 East North street Thursday afternoon of this week

Wabash Earnings

For the first week in March the Wabash earnings were $498,051 an increase of $9495 From July 1 the earnings were $17,173,304, an increase of $456,032.

PLANNING FOR DOUBLE TRACK

From Sangamon East of Decatur, South to Taylorville is the Intention.

MOVING TO LANDERS

New Chicago Terminal Will Soon Be In Use.

Unless the plans of the Wabash management go awry there will be some double track work on the Decatur division during the coming season The wish of the management is to double track both ways out of Decatur From Decatur east to Sangamon station the present end of the double track from the east and from Decatur south to Taylorville

There is always a possibility that something unexpected may come up and necessitate a change of plans things which the management ... powerless to avert

Superintendent Ferriter of the Decatur division says that the extension of the double track from Sangamon station into Decatur will be the first stretch to receive attention If only one is undertaken although he declares that he is hopeful that there will be double tracking both ways out of Decatur this summer

There has been some speculation as to what course would be pursued in case the double track was extended to Sangamon station if the curve east of Decatur would be eliminated That has not been determined although it has been given some consideration There is a possibility that the sag just east of the east Decatur yard office may be filled and the present route strictly adhered to the elevation of the grade there being regarded as sufficient The possibility of making a short straight cut eliminating both grade and curve has also been considered but no positive conclusion announced because there is yet time to determine that if they wish to make the improvement becomes clear

The men in the train service are hopeful that the improvement may be made for that sort of a track with the enlarged yard at Decatur would reduce to a minimum the troubles that they now face

THE YARD AT LANDERS

Wabash Will Probably be Installed There Next Week

The machinery and equipment for the Wabash round house and machine shop now at Thirty Third street Chicago is being removed to the new round house and shop at Landers Unless the plans fail the freight crews on the north end will have that place for the end of their run next week

Yesterday Superintendent Ferriter said that that work was on the terminal territory and under the jurisdiction of Superintendent Fallon Superintendent Ferriter said that he understood that the change was to be made this week but that he was not apprised as to the details

The old round house at Thirty Third street is to be torn away at once to make way for the track elevation and the change must of necessity be made within a short time

There is a possibility that for a short time at least the engine men in the passenger service will be required to return to Landers with their engines but that is not known positively here and the belief is that even if that should be the rule at first it would not last long

Up to the present time there has been no provision made for feeding and housing the men who will have their runs end at Landers There was for a time talk among the managers of having a sleeping car stationed at that place so that the trainmen could have a place to eat and sleep without inconvenience That plan may have been changed It is the one thing that some of the men are most interested in They care little where the run ends so there is opportunity to get proper rest and food when they finally arrive there

The question of a water supply has been solved for the immediate present by diverting a small stream so that its water may be taken to the round house In the meantime the work of sinking a well is being hurried

Landers is so far out of the city that it is more than likely that a number of the train and enginemen who now reside in Chicago will find it more convenient to reside in Decatur A ride of fifteen or twenty miles to get home after a long siege on the road with no means of conveyance between Landers and Chicago is what faces the freight men when Landers is the freight terminus Even when they reach the north end the men will have practically no opportunity to get home and unless they have their residence in Decatur they will be able to get home only when they are granted leave of absence All of them can as conveniently reside in Decatur as in Chicago residing in the latter city being merely a matter of choice But there would be no choice about it if they lived in Landers and there are few if any of them who would submit to that

One of the Effects

As a result of the ... cent fare legislation in Ohio the railroads which usually sell clergymen's tickets at half fare have given notice that these reduced rates will not apply to joint ... within the limits of the boundaries of that state The Wabash has given such notice to all of its ticket agents

Wreck at Foosland

The Wabash had a wreck at Foosland early Tuesday morning A Journal was burned off of a box car and twelve cars were derailed The accident happened at a little ridge just south of Foosland and only two of the cars went off the bridge The principal damage was to the trucks of the derailed cars The contents of none of the cars was injured Five of the cars were loaded with ... for the Cudahy house at Decatur The main track was cleared at 11 o'clock Train No 18 was detoured from Mansfield via the Big Four to Champaign thence via the Illinois Central to Gilman thence to Forrest

Shoulder Dislocated

Charles Quatenburg of the Wabash bridge department while working at the Foosland wreck Tuesday had a fall and dislocated his left shoulder He was brought to Decatur and sent to the hospital.

COUNTY SOLONS IN SESSION

March Meeting Opened Tuesday With But Little Business.

SOME NEW BR[IDGES]

For Which County ... Is Being Asked.

The supervisors got a start on the annual March meeting yesterday noon All of the members were on hand except Supervisors B... and Henson Applications for assistance in building a number of bridges were made and a few minor matters received attention but there was nothing of importance to engage attention and the session did not promise to be of an exciting character

Niantic township wants the county to help build a bridge between that township and Mosquito township in Christian county It is to cost about $2,500 The petition was referred by Chairman Allen in vacation to ... named as a committee Supervisors Bosson Brown and Roberts

Hickory Point wants aid on a bridge and approaches over Stevens creek on the Bloomington road and ... Creek filed petitions for aid in the construction of two bridges in ... township These applications were referred to the road and bridge committee

A large number of bills against the county were received and referred to the proper committee

Quarterly Bills

The quarterly bill of Superintendent Jones was presented to the board The superintendent also filed his quarterly report, showing the following balances in the various funds over which he has charge It was placed on file The different funds show the following balances

Permanent fund $1,435 67 institute fund $9 62 distributable fund $311

The January report of the grand jury was presented to the board It has been printed heretofore and called attention to the condition of affairs in the jail which were found to be first class

States Attorney Redmon appeared before the board to make an explanation in reference to the printing of the tickets for the primary election He recommended that the ... proceed to have these tickets printed at the expense of the county Mr Roberts moved that a committee of ... republicans and one democrat be named to look after this matter and ... report and the ... named Mr Roberts Brown and Huff

Telephone

A statement was made to the board by Superintendent Jones in reference to the telephones One of the phones was ordered out of his office and there was two months due on it He wanted the board to do something about it The opinion of some of the members was that Mr Jones needed both phones and a motion to that effect was made by Supervisor Stoy This was carried by 19 ... and ... nays This was followed by a motion by Mr Stoy that the overseer of the poor also be allowed both phones and that motion also prevailed

On motion of Supervisor Roberts the county clerk was authorized to draw a voucher for Mr Myers who has been looking after the smallpox ... at the pest house Mr Myers ... an itemized bill for his work

POLITICAL POINTERS

The prohibitionists of Peoria ... again ... [illegible]

Congressional talk is coming to surface in the Moline ... Sterling ... [illegible]

Former Governor Yates ... completed his tour of the state ... latter part of the ... Cook ...

Former Governor Yates ... Springfield ... donated a portion of his speech ... Champaign Friday ... speaking ... the morning ... Springfield ... the Springfield meeting is expected to be the biggest ... of ... Champaign

Petitions for the ... of ... Yates for ... have been ... headquarters in the ... at Springfield ... It is necessary ... of only five thousand ... petitions but ... many times this number will ... The Yates ... will not attempt to ... of the Cullom ... who have secured 70,000 signatures ... Cullom's petition

The annual report of the ... company show that ... receipts per train mile were ... the average cost of moving ... $2 14 making the profit per ... almost 86 cents ... the Pennsylvania's ... were $73 000 000

A gasoline electric car built ... Delaware & Hudson ... Locomotive and the General ... companies is sixty-five feet in ... and weighs sixty-five tons ... gine and dynamo are in one ... the baggage compartment is ... rear of that The car will seat ... passengers and on its trial ... tained an average speed of ... miles an hour.

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Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

HE LEARNS THE LAW

A Pana Justice Refused to Turn Over Two Per Cent Insurance Tax

HE HAD TO BE SUED

[illegible]

LARGE SUM FOR UNION DRAINAGE

Commissioners of Union and Assumption Township Ask $18,000

[illegible] townships [illegible]

SEEIF LID IS ON

Mayor and Sheriff at Rock Island Make Many Arrests

Rock Island March 1 Having [illegible] doubt [illegible] Mayor McCaskrin that the lid be put [illegible] three months [illegible] Sheriff [illegible] Hemer [illegible] last night raided a dozen [illegible] houses and arrested thirty [illegible] inmates [illegible] the mayor [illegible] orderly houses [illegible] Sheriff Hemer [illegible] prisoners [illegible] Justice Mc Farland [illegible] were [illegible] heavily assessed

SHOT FIRER IS FATALLY HURT

Accident in Mine at Riverton Yesterday Morning

[illegible] March 12 Giuseppe [illegible] was seriously and [illegible] fatally injured early this [illegible] explosion [illegible] explosion [illegible] He was found a few minutes [illegible] another shot fire and was [illegible] unconscious condition

He was brought to the surface [illegible] it was found that [illegible] all the [illegible] side of his face had been [illegible] the explosion and his eye [illegible] that side was missing In addition the man sustained several cuts about the body and head A physician was summoned and it is the opinion [illegible] the injured man cannot survive

LONELY AND WOULD DIE.

Woman Tries to Kill Herself Because Husband Is Absent from Home

East St Louis March 13 In her [illegible] tonight at 7 o'clock Mrs [illegible] Decker formerly of [illegible] drank the contents of [illegible] of poison in their home [illegible] East St Louis [illegible] physicians [illegible] worked [illegible] They expect [illegible]

Mr Decker [illegible] followed [illegible] farewell kiss just before his [illegible] messenger to [illegible] because of his occupation is [illegible] great part of [illegible] and this has long been a [illegible] disappointment to his [illegible] is alone with her 2 year-old while he is absent

As soon as his wife had swallowed [illegible] drug Decker ran from the house [illegible] Decker says that he and his wife have never quarreled and [illegible] suicidal attempt on the [illegible] cannot [illegible]

TAKE THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

First One Under New Law Held at Asylum in Lincoln

Lincoln March 1 The first examination under the new civil service law [illegible] asylum was held Saturday the same being conducted by W B Moulton of Chicago president of the commission Mr Moulton arrived here at 10 o'clock and in an hour [illegible] in the asylum annex the examination opened the head commissioner being assisted by Miss Fitzgerald head nurse in the asylum at Kankakee The examination here was for attendants and unskilled laborers and was taken by about forty persons It was not very severe or difficult test but [illegible] her mill and quite practical The examination of applicants was as to [illegible] education and physical condition

Assumption Pastor Resigns.

Assumption March 12 Rev [illegible] pastor of the Presbyterian church in Assumption has tendered his resignation to take effect at once The resignation came as a surprise to the congregation Mr [illegible] has been pastor of the church for about [illegible] years It is understood [illegible] accepted [illegible]

PHONE WIRES UNDERGROUND

Rock Island Council Closes Contract and Grants 25 Year Franchises

Rock Island March 1 The city council [illegible] right [illegible] terms with the [illegible] telephone company [illegible] franchise [illegible] put wires [illegible] The old franchise was [illegible] four years ago The matter was brought to a head two months ago by Mayor McCaskrin cutting [illegible] the poles in [illegible] of the city

THE MIDDLETOWN BANKS MAY MERGE

Logan County Financial Institutions Talk of Consolidation

[illegible] March [illegible] A meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Middletown has been called for [illegible] March 26 at 10 a m at the bank for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to place the institution in liquidation Since the establishment of two banks in the village it is found that there is not sufficient [illegible] business for both to do well [illegible] the [illegible] of those who have money invested in stock which has not been bringing returns to retire from the business There are others [illegible] oppose the proposition to suspend while others also [illegible] combining with the [illegible] State Bank of the place The [illegible] meeting on the 26th will [illegible] interest on the part of [illegible] in Lincoln

Death of James Prather

[illegible] March 12 James Prather [illegible] at the home of his son Lewis Prather who resides near [illegible] 11 30 a m Saturday His death was caused by Bright's disease with which he had been afflicted for over a year

Mr Prather was 68 years old and had been a resident of this county for many years The funeral will be held from the home at 9 30 a m Monday conducted by Rev W H Sando of the First Christian church of Urbana The body will be taken to Neoga for burial

LAW NOT FOR THEM

Candidates For Committeemen Have No Right to Make Contest.

CASE AT CAPITAL.

Springfield Ill March 13—In passing [illegible] section fifty of the primary law Judge Murray held that candidates for precinct committeemen are not given [illegible] right to contest and the pending petitions filed several days ago by States Attorney Hatch were stricken

The contests followed the primary election March 3 Hugh Kavanaugh of [illegible] precinct of the Sixth ward [illegible] Riley of the third precinct Charles Brown of the fourth precinct and M B [illegible] of the second precinct of the Second ward who were known as [illegible] candidates, alleged that the votes were not properly counted and asked the court to enter an order to have the ballots recounted

Text of Decision

Judge Murray's decision recites the section of the law under which the contest proceedings were filed and in deciding the case says

It will be seen first that to contest the result of a primary election named in this section it must be by a candidate for nomination

Were the persons who sought to be elected as committeemen candidates for any nomination This court thinks not but the result of the count by the proper officers seems to be the last [illegible]

Court Cannot Take Cognizance

When a petition for a contest is [illegible] contemplated by this section of the law is filed the court shall hear the [illegible] before the next county convention [illegible] such primary election and the court shall determine the matter in time to place the successful candidate's name on the printed ballot [illegible] the election to ensue This indicates [illegible] this section the law does not include city committeemen whose names of course do not go on the [illegible] ticket named above

Whatever may have been intended by this section of the primary election law this court is of the opinion that it does not include any provision [illegible] which the court can legally take the cognizance of the proposed contest and the petitions herein must be dismissed

TEACHERS PREPARE FOR BIG MEETING

Program for the Session of the Central Illinois Association.

Galesburg March 13 —The Central Illinois Teachers association will meet Friday and Saturday March 23-24 in Galesburg An excellent program has been prepared There will be three general sessions and there will be eight section meetings in which all divisions of school work will be discussed It is expected that this will be one of the greatest educational meetings of the year

The following are the principal numbers on the program of the general meetings

Essentials in Geography Dr Jacques W Redway New York Affect of Moral Education in the Public Schools on the Civil Life of the Community Dr W O Thompson president of the Ohio State University Columbus Manual Training Superintendent L D Harvey Menominee Wis and Miss Seegmiller, Indianapolis.

BRIBE FOR A JUROR

Causes Judge Green at Peoria to Advise Grand Jury.

TO LOOK INTO IT.

Peoria Ill March 13—Judge [illegible] Green presiding in the circuit court of Peoria county in instructing the March grand jury this afternoon, told the investigating body that he had been personally told by jurors in the November trial of the $50 000 damage suit of Congressman Graff and Judge [illegible] against the sanitary district of Chicago that they had been offered bribes by agents for the sanitary district

The court told the jury that one juror had been offered $300 for his vote in this case by a Peoria man and that this information would be presented to the investigating body He did not disclose the identity of the parties involved

In the hands of States Attorney Scholes is the testimony of an employe of the National hotel that a witness sent [illegible] the sanitary district whose home is Joliet held a consultation with two of the jurymen in a room at the National hotel the night before the jury retired to consider its verdict This information will also be presented to the jury and the court instructed the jury to make a rigorous investigation and return indictments if the evidence warranted it

Congressman Graff and Judge Curran sued for $50 000 damages on 15 000 acres of bottom land The jury returned a verdict of $[illegible] which Judge Green yesterday characterized as outrageous and out of line with the evidence He said further that he would gladly have set the verdict aside if either side had made such a motion

OUTLOOK IN KANSAS PLEASING TO HIM

Charles Fritz Quit Old Shelby for Sunflower State

Charles Fritz who recently sold his farm in Shelby county and went to Winfield Kan to look after several big farms owned in that vicinity by a friend writes to his brother James Fritz that the Kansas people say that in thirty years there has never been at this season of the year such an encouraging prospect for a wheat crop The farmers are jubilant Spring is fairly on down there and the farmers are sowing their oats

When Charles Fritz left Shelby county he sold a farm of eighty acres for $140 per acre While he has no intention of farming himself for several years he has purchased a tract of 200 acres of Kansas land and he adds that he has paid for it with the proceeds of the sale of his Illinois farm and has money left He is well pleased with the prospects of that section

LIVED IN A BOX CAR

Blind Mother and Half-Witted Son and Little Ones Had Miserable Home

Shelbyville March 13—Mrs Mary Cunningham and three sons one a young man 21 years old were sent to the poor farm from Tower Hill Saturday Mrs Cunningham is blind and the oldest son is half witted The other sons are small not yet in their teens The husband and father Jimmie Cunningham is a well known character in Tower Hill and is not unknown in Shelbyville where posing as a soothsayer and master of occult forces he has been known to pick up a few quarters He will continue to inhabit an old discarded box car which up to Saturday served as a home for his blind wife and luckless children

FIND THREE VEINS OF COAL

Prospects of Oil Sand Are Struck in Well Near Kansas Ill.

Kansas March 13 Three veins of coal have been struck in the well which is being drilled on the J E Pinnell farm about a quarter of a mile south of here The first is a five-foot vein at a depth of 22[illegible] feet The second is a six foot vein at a depth of 340 feet The third is a fifteen-foot vein at a depth of 410 feet

The first two veins each has a slate roof and the third vein has a sandstone roof The well is now down 500 feet and prospects of oil sand have been struck, but the drilling will be continued

FIREMAN WAS ENRAGED

Ran P & E Engine Through Roundhouse Wall at Danville.

Danville March 13—Joseph V Murray a fireman went to sleep in an engine cab in the Peoria & Eastern roundhouse When the employes awoke him and attempted to get him out he became enraged pulled the throttle wide open and ran the engine through the side of the building a brick structure damaging the machine considerably Murray was today fined for disorderly conduct and malicious destruction of property and sent to jail

Kentuckians Will Organize

Clinton March 13—A call has been issued for all Kentuckians in DeWitt county to meet in the circuit court room Saturday March 17 at 2 p m The purpose of the meeting is to form an organization of DeWitt county people who came to that county from Kentucky Arrangements will probably be made for a reunion this summer

A CHAIN GANG AT SPRINGFIELD

Violators of City Laws Must Work on the Streets

Springfield March 13—An ordinance known as the chain gang ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the city council last night providing for the employment of the city prisoners From now on the occupants of the city prison must work out their fines instead of eating at the expense of the city during their term of service. This ordinance was introduced by Alderman Neuman at the last meeting of the council and referred to the police committee who referred it back for favorable action There was no opposition to the ordinance at last night's meeting and the fate of the jail birds was clinched From now on the path will not be one of ease and those who seek the hospitality of the city prison must make good on the streets by using their energy in making Springfield the city beautiful

RELIGION UNBALANCES MIND

Levi Keller of Stewardson Is Taken to Jacksonville Asylum

Shelbyville March 13—Levi Keller aged 60 was brought up from Stewardson Saturday morning by Deputy Sheriff S A Ragan and was adjudged insane in Judge T H Righter's court Mr Ragan departed for Jacksonville with the demented man at 11 o'clock Keller is a farmer and married He was sent to an asylum for treatment about ten years ago His mania is religion He is a Christian Adventist

NEW STRUCTURE ACROSS THE OKAW

B & O S W Will Undertake a Big Job With the Advent of Spring

Pana March 13—With the opening of spring the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway expects to begin an important piece of construction work It is [illegible] feet than the erection of a trestle [illegible] of a mile long over the Okaw bottoms The Okaw bottoms are a swampy stretch of country and are located between Cowden and Holliday about seventeen miles southeast of Pana

The building of the trestle is an undertaking of no mean proportions and will require a high degree of engineering skill The work will cost in the neighborhood of $250 000 Much of the labor of filling in has been completed and the materials for the actual work [illegible] of operations

[illegible] of construction [illegible] The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern has had this project in consideration for a long while for the urgency of the improvements has been recognized by the officials of the road It is probable that this will not be the only improvement work the company will carry out in the spring and summer months Other plans on a smaller scale are said to be under way and the sum total will be a material betterment of the road

OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Angeline Marshland Dead at Age of Eighty five.

Pana March 13—Mrs Angeline Marshland died last night March 12 at 8 o'clock at her home in this city aged 84 years

The venerable old lady was well known to Pana residents having lived here a great part of her long life

Mrs Marshland was born July 12 1821 in New York city She moved with her parents while young to Whitney Canada She was married to George Marshland in 1841 and came to Illinois living in Kennedy Marion county until 1866 when they came to Pana In 1876 she together with her husband and family moved to Dexter Kans where Mr Marshland died in November 1894 The deceased was a member of the M E church having connected herself with that organization in 1850

Mrs Marshland leaves three sons Robert and Hanson of Dexter Kan and George of this city with whom she made her home

The funeral will take place at Dexter Kans Judge Marshland will leave today with the remains after a short service here conducted by Rev Wohl [illegible]

SEVEN NEW CLASSES HAVE BEEN ADDED

To the State Fair Premium List For This Year

Springfield Ill March 13—Secretaries are now at work preparing the premium list for the Illinois State Fair in 1906 and with the addition of a number of classes the premiums for the coming fair will be the most attractive ever offered by the Illinois State Board of Agriculture

In addition to the regular premiums which will be offered special offerings will be made by different live stock breeders associations as follows

Percheron Society of America—Gold medals for champion stallion any age champion mare any age champion American-bred stallion champion American bred mare best five stallions and best five mares

American Hereford Cattle Breeders association offers $300 in special premiums

American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders association offers special premiums of $300

American Shorthorn association offers $500 in breeding classes and an additional $200 in milk classes

The American Chester White Record association offers $25

American Oxford Down Record association offers $45

Illinois Jersey Cattle club offers $100 to cattle exhibited by Illinois exhibitors

No change in the race course will be made this year

BIG SALE AT EDINBURG.

B F. Wolaver Sells 106 Horses and Mules for $30 500

Edinburg Ill March 13—Although the roads are in very bad condition about four hundred men were in attendance at B F Wolaver's sale of horses and mules here and did a lot of spirited bidding The grade of the animals was excellent and were mostly Christian county products which Mr Wolaver has been accumulating for some weeks past for this sale Thirty-three spans of mules brought $12 295 making an average of $372 50 per span The highest priced span brought $517 and the next highest $505 and the third highest $495

One hundred and ten horses brought $18 205 making an average of $165 50 the highest priced team sold for $505 and the highest priced single horse brought $2[illegible]7 50 The most of the mules were bought by farmers and will remain in this locality for the season's work while fully half of the horses were bought by buyers from the Chicago and St Louis markets

Seventy-five per cent of the receipts of the sale was cash and farmers notes on from six to ten months time were given for the balance

At Mr Wolaver's sale a year ago the highest priced span of mules sold brought $475 and ninety-four head at that time averaged but $300 per span and the highest priced team of horses at that sale brought $450 and the highest priced single horse $235

CONFIRMATIONS.

Washington D C March 13—John H Duncan receiver of public moneys at Springfield, Mo

James Harris postmaster at Prairie Du Chien, Wis.

BEAUTIFUL LOS MOLINOS VALLEY

D. S. Shellabarger Writes of Beautiful Spot in California.

IT SELDOM FREEZES

Everything in Grain Grows There But Corn.

D S Shellabarger who with his wife and daughter is now in California writing to his son J C Shellabarger from Los Molinos says that the tourists are having a delightful time

The place Los Molinos is in Tehama county and is a town site platted by the Los Molinos Land company of which Smith Crowder is general manager This company owns almost 50 000 acres of land there and it is being opened for settlement A new hotel and several cottages now mark the town site but a number of tracts have been sold and during the coming season there will be several new houses erected there and on the ranges near that site

Beautiful Valley

In speaking of the country Mr Shellabarger said This is a beautiful valley and it is one of the prettiest sections of country that I have ever seen From the Sacramento river back to the foot hills the land is practically level with just enough fall for irrigation if that is desired In appearance the soil resembles that of central Illinois The soil is fertile and with the exception of corn will produce everything from oranges to wheat Corn does not thrive here and the reason is said to be the cool nights

In the foot hills there is excellent grazing country for cattle and sheep and there are many herds of sheep This is said to be a profitable business here and there are a number of persons thus engaged

Rarely Freezes

The winters here are mild the temperature rarely being as low as the freezing point The vegetation is green and growing all the year Just now the trees are putting forth their leaves and everything has the appearance of an early spring

Wheat oats and barley make good crops here without irrigation and the wheat fields are now making a splendid appearance Oranges lemons and all classes of fruit grow luxuriously The fruit trees are apparently not bothered with the scale here as in the southern part of the state and the orange trees are clean bright and healthful in appearance During the summer months so we are told, the temperature is high but the heat is not oppressive because of the dryness of the atmosphere

Within a mile of Los Molinos there is a small water power grist mill but as we arrived here from Red Bluffs only yesterday I have not visited that place and know nothing about its equipment

Own Mile After Mile

You may have some idea of the extent of the holdings of the Los Molinos Land company when I tell you that you may drive for fourteen miles along the valley and all the time be on the property of that company On the farm land out from the foot hills there are occasionally live oak trees perhaps two to an acre and the river which is navigable as far as Red Bluffs is only half a mile from this place which is located on the Southern Pacific railroad Just now the rainy season is on and the river is bank full of water

WITH THE SICK.

Roy E Little the piano tuner for the Lutz Music House who has been seriously ill at St Mary's hospital for some time is considerably improved

Mr Hirsch of Warrensburg came to St Mary's hospital yesterday for treatment He is being attended by Dr Will Wood

J C Lewis is seriously ill at his home on East Center street with stomach and heart trouble

Miss Estella McGee is confined to her home on South Main street with a severe case of mumps

Karl the 6 years-old son of Mr and Mrs William Coble is sick with measles at the residence of his parents 545 Central avenue.

Zeta Inman is very ill of mumps and tonsilitis combined at his home on East Locust street

Mrs C J Turner 247 East Central avenue is suffering from a painful inflammation of the palm of the hand

Mrs Stella Jennison is ill of la grippe at her home, 623 Spring avenue

SETS THE FIGURES HIGH.

Springfield Census Expected to Show a Population of 60,000

Springfield March 13—Arrangements are making by the Springfield Business Mens association and also by the Springfield board of education to take a census of the city's population Each organization will work independently It is expected that the new figures will show the population a little over 60 000

GOOD TIME ABROAD.

S. B Winholtz's Friends Hear From Him at Malta.

Friends in this city have received word from Samuel Winholtz, who is traveling in the old country The letter states that Mr Winholtz has arrived in Malta and is having the best of health He will leave the party with which he is traveling about the middle of April and will then continue his travels alone He says that he will not be home before the latter part of June

COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of the estate of George W Bedford insane J A Meriwether conservator petition of Hannah E Bedford for allowance Ordered to pay $35 per month on the first day of each month

In the matter of the guardianship of Walter H. May minor Elizabeth guardian petition to make a loan of $400 granted.

NEARBY TOWNS

TODD'S POINT.

Special Correspondence

Todd's Point Ill March 13—John Belner has moved his family to Lindlay, where he will work in William Nicholson's blacksmith shop

Miss Iva Liddle is assisting the family of I J Bonney as Mrs Bonney is still quite sick

A Alward was in Shelbyville Friday collecting taxes from landowners there

Jennie Dedman is reported sick with chickenpox

Sherman Wright went to Decatur on Friday last for a few days He is expected to return Monday

The Epworth League meeting could not be held Sunday night on account of the snow

Ike Vanwinkle has moved onto the Belser property and will live there this summer

Lloyd Alward who has been with Sherman Wright all winter has hired to him again for the coming season Lloyd is a good boy of the right kind of mettle

Mulhill Bros scrubbed out the school house Saturday last getting rid of a good deal of dust

PIERSON.

Special Correspondence

Pierson Ill March 1[illegible] Several of the Woodmen attended camp at Garrett last Monday night

M Erhardt F Erhardt J L Stallsworth and R Schultz attended Odd Fellows meeting at Tuscola Tuesday night

Joseph Merritt and Dr McClain of Atwood were Pierson visitors Tuesday

Perry Moore of Tuscola was in town last week on professional business

Mr Smith the [illegible] agent of [illegible] was in town Saturday

E S Keene of Atwood was a Pierson visitor Saturday

Albert Lowe and family are visiting in Hammond over Sunday

Mr Tarbox of Arcola was a Pierson visitor last week

John Couch and family left Thursday night for Virginia where they will make their future home

Mrs Mae Mosser was a Lincoln visitor last Wednesday

C W Mosser shipped a carload of hogs to Cleveland, Ohio last week

Mrs Addie Pierson and children returned home Saturday from an extended visit with her sister at Ficklin

OUTTEN.

Special Correspondence

Outten March 1 Mrs W Greenfield and daughter Edith were Mt Zion visitors Monday

Mr and Mrs Wm Pond of Dalton City visited Mr and Mrs I L Baird Monday

Ed Pifflin was in Decatur Monday

Samuel Alexander arrived here on Wednesday from Tennessee he is going to work for his cousin Ed Britton, this summer

I L Baird Mrs B Martin and daughter Kate attended Rebekah lodge last Tuesday night at Mt Zion and Mrs I B Jones and Grace Martin were initiated

John Orris and R Orris and family left Tuesday for Colorado

Charles Gregory Mr and Mrs John Farrell and B Martin were Decatur visitors Friday

Rev Glenn of near Hight was seen here Friday

Harry Jones was a Dalton City visitor Friday

Charles Davidson who lives in Milam township was a business caller here Friday

Mrs I J Vowell returned home from Vandalia Thursday where she had been visiting her niece Mrs John Knetts for a few days

Rolla Britton has been on the sick list

B Martin and family visited at Frank Gregory's Thursday

Miss [illegible] White of Hight visited Mrs Lucy Jones Saturday night and Sunday

Mrs L B Jones was a business caller in Mt Zion Friday

Ponnie Britton visited home folks over Sunday

Mr and Mrs Charles [illegible] of Decatur visited Mrs R F Gregory Saturday and Sunday

[illegible] Jones of Decatur visited home folks near Hight over Sunday

I L Baird and Ed Britton were Decatur visitors Thursday

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Mrs Frank Britton is on the sick list

MONTICELLO.

Special Correspondence

Monticello March 12—Ober Heath went to Clinton Monday to work

Fred Lodge who is attending the U of I spent from Friday until Monday at home

Mrs Cooper and daughter of Champaign returned home Monday after visiting W C Hubbart and family

Misses Bessie McDonald and Ethel Goldtrap spent Sunday at their homes in White Heath

Miss Edith Gwynne of Champaign visited H I Martin and family over Sunday

Edward Barrett went to Bloomington Monday to spend a few days

J C Tippett went to White Heath Monday on a hunting trip returning by the way of the Sangamon river

Fred Frangst and Clark Blacker of White Heath left for Lotus Ill, Monday

Misses Anna Etta and Mayme Sackriter Mary Davison Gertrude McMillen and Mrs Willis Davison saw 'The Lion and the Mouse' in Decatur Monday evening

Miss Emma McFadden of DeLand returned home the first of the week after a visit with Mrs Maude Johnson

Miss Della Barnes spent Sunday with friends in Champaign

Charles Betz of Argenta visited his daughter Mrs George White the last of the week

Misses Zella Coon and Hilma Lord spent Sunday with friends in Decatur

George Lux returned from a week's visit in Chicago Monday

The young men of town are trying to organize a twenty-six piece band

The following officers were elected for the Cosmos club for the coming year President William F Lodge secretary Lynn R Pinckard treasurer, Fred Edie committee Mrs W H England and Miss Lola Bender

Miss Nellie Reed of Decatur is teaching in the high school during the absence of Miss Angie R Clark

BETHANY.

Bethany March 13—Mrs R B Noble was a caller in Decatur Monday

Emil Lovel of Dalton City spent Sunday with Grace Piggin

Bud Freeland of Dalton City spent Sunday in Bethany

The Stevens Stock Co is here for this week

Mrs W R Lee is visiting her parents Dr Leavan and family at Lovington

Ora Smith spent Sunday in Lovington

Edgar Hamman has sold the Bethany telephone to Mr Spitler of Mt Zion

Ellis Rinkson and a friend from James Millikin university at Decatur spent Sunday with W H Rinkson and family

Mr and Mrs W H Logan [illegible]

Al [illegible] and family have returned to Canada after a three months visit here

[illegible] returned to her home at Windsor after a short visit with Bethany friends

Mrs G H Sly was a caller in Dalton City the latter part of the week

Constable John Carlyle has moved [illegible] to town

Mr Chase [illegible] has sold his livery barn to Arthur M Reynolds

Dixie McCune Willis McIntyre and Clyde Wheeler have gone to Louisville, Ky to help [illegible]

Mrs Emile Hudson and Miss Alice Lee have returned from the wholesale house at Indianapolis Ind

Mrs Ella [illegible] has joined her husband at [illegible] where they will reside

Harry Crowder was a caller in Sullivan Monday

James Mitchell is running for representative He will have a sale Thursday March 7

J. M. U. TO HAVE SPRING VACATION

College Council Decides on Four Days at Eastertide.

REVISION OF STUDY

Will Be Made For Next Year At the College.

The students at the university will be granted a spring vacation this year The above action was taken at the meeting of the university council on Tuesday afternoon The vacation for this year will consist of four days—Friday and Saturday before Easter, and Monday following The college term will however, not be lengthened

Plans are on foot to include in next year's calendar a spring vacation at Easter of at least a week There is a general feeling among the students and members of the faculty that the term between the Christmas vacation and the end of the school year in June is too long and it is quite likely that the change will be made

The vacation for this year is the result of a petition recently circulated among the students of the institution to which several hundred signatures were attached The matter was brought up in the faculty meeting yesterday and passed with only one dissenting vote

Another matter that was brought up at the council meeting was in regard to the courses of study The council approved of a revision of the courses of study in the various schools of the institution in both the college and the academy A number of readjustments and correlations were agreed upon which will materially unify the work of the institution

It was also proposed to print the courses of study in the different departments not fully in the catalog for the year of 1906 The readjustment will add greatly to the facility with which a student can find work required for the different degrees offered by the institution

The heavy snow resulted in several small leaks in the tiling on the university buildings There were no very serious leaks but the matter might have become serious but for the prompt action of President Taylor in setting the janitors and their assistants at clearing the roof of the snow The entire force worked practically all day. The snow was found to be at least three feet in depth over the roof and in places was much deeper The leaks were in the gutters

The Y M C A has elected their new officers for the coming year They are as follows

President—Ethel Bumgarner
Vice president—Alice Bone
Secretary—Irma Anderson
Treasurer—Kate [illegible]tautman

Prof A D Steel head of the school of vocal expression has been asked to serve as judge in an oratorical and literary contest to be held in the Mt. Pulaski high school March 23

The school of commerce and finance received a consignment of 147 government books recently through the kindness of Congressman McKinley

The contract for the printing of the Millidek the new annual to be published this year for the first time, has been let to the Herald Despatch company The publication of the book will be quite a big affair The book will be at least 20 pages and will sell for $1 50 each It is the plan now to have them ready for distribution in May The book is being edited by the senior class of the university

The academy class this year will consist of about twenty members This is a larger class than last year As practically all of these students will be back next year it will add to the freshman class considerably It is not known definitely as yet the number of students who will graduate from the college.

BIRTHS.

Born—To Mr and Mrs Harry L Lesley, Manitou block, March 13, a son.

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William R. Hearst, who, since the municipal election in New York has been posing as a martyr, claiming that he was defeated for mayor by fraud, has apparently been shown up as a demagogue by dodging his right to have a recount of the ballots. It was up to him to ask for it and he failed to do it and the time has gone by.

During the last year more than $56,000 was found in the 11,000,000 "dead" letters that have been opened under the direction of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw. In addition to money, there were many valuables, such as jewelry and gems. Of the amount discovered in these letters about $40,000 worth was returned to owners, the remainder has been turned into the Treasury for redemption.

Despite the scathing criticism leveled at it by Senator Hale, the general staff of the army believes in being prepared for emergencies in the far east. It was announced at the war department on Thursday that the transport Logan had sailed for Manila, bearing the Eighth Infantry, and two troops of the Third cavalry. The situation in China is considered serious by the staff officers, and the strengthening of the garrison in the Philippines is going on quietly but surely.

About everything that can be brought to bear against Senator Smoot has been presented to the senate committee on privileges and elections. In the opinion of the majority of persons the evidence is strong enough to warrant a verdict expelling the Mormons from Utah from the national legislature. But before the end of the month the committee will give the senator and his friends a chance to speak for themselves. The time fixed for hearing the evidence on the other side is the 28th of this month.

Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, is one of those campaigners who talks reform a great deal before the people who have votes much in excess of the amount of reform he accomplishes. Recently he stated that the railroad interests defeated the primary election bill in the Iowa senate by corrupting members of that body. As a result that body, with but six dissenting votes, has asked him for proof of the correctness of his assertion. In this case, the governor may have put out more sail than his craft will carry.

Congress has aimed a blow at the powder trust by the introduction of a bill in the house for the erection of a government plant. Representative Hull, chairman of the military affairs committee, is its sponsor, and the bill proposes that $200,000 be appropriated for the works, which are to be under the direction of the secretary of war when completed. There has been much complaint of late against the exorbitant charges of the powder trust, to which the government is forced to turn to purchase its supplies.

New England's joy, the "sacred codfish," has wriggled out of the restrictions of the pure food bill. In the measure reported to the house permission is given to preserve the fish with borax although this preservative is excluded from all other articles of food. The exception is made out of courtesy to Senator Lodge, who declares the codfish industry of New England would be ruined if such a concession were not allowed. An added reason why the action was taken is found in the fact that it is necessary for the housewife to wash the fish before using, thus eliminating much of the borax before the food is used.

Senator Cullom's committee room was flooded this week through the bursting of the water pipes, and a number of other adjoining rooms in the capitol were swept by the deluge. The floors of the different rooms stood a foot deep in water and it was more than an hour before the engineering force could stop the leak. A number of valuable rugs and considerable upholstery were ruined. Since the senator's return from Florida he complained that it had rained almost continuously while he was there. Some friend, perhaps, feared that the sudden change might be dangerous to the senator and turned on the water.

HIGH LICENSE.

The Fisher correspondent to the Inter-Ocean has this to say about Rantoul:

"Rantoul, the junction city to the east of us, is reported to be 'up against it.' They have had four saloons running during the past nine months from which the treasury draws a snug license fee at the rate of $1,200 a year from each saloon, and have collected fines amounting to $1,500. Notwithstanding all this, the citizens are groping their way along the streets at night in the dark or else carrying lanterns to light them on their journey; they are wading in mud knee deep on the crossings, they are without police protection, the electric lights have been turned off, the street commissioner and all the policemen fired, and this state of affairs was brought to pass on account of an empty treasury. Perhaps they will license some more saloons to help them out of the hole."

The correspondent has, unfortunately, not stated all the facts. Rantoul for years has been a dry town. One year ago the people voted for license by a small majority and the city council fixed the license at $1,200. Under these conditions four saloons opened and began business. During the latter part of the summer the famous evangelist, Billy Sunday, struck the town and when he got through reforming the people the saloons were out of business and since then there has been some trouble about funds to keep the city properly lighted. Billy Sunday is an old base ball player and he never struck out once at Rantoul.

MISS HUDSPETH POURS HOT SHOT.

The Inter Ocean: If the bachelors of Stuart, Neb., do not march in a body to Miss Hudspeth's newspaper office, kneel before her sanctum door, beg her forgiveness, and ask her to take her choice, then we have been greatly misled as to the character of Nebraska manhood.

Miss Hudspeth is the one woman in Nebraska who owns, edits, sets up, and prints a newspaper. She entertains and expresses certain views with regard to certain bachelors of Stuart and their habits which are not acceptable to the unmarried males. Hence they have been striving to make her newspaper unprofitable so that she may be forced to marry and settle down in private life.

But so far they have not accomplished their purpose. Says Miss Hudspeth editorially in the current issue of her newspaper:

"Stuart business interests are dominated to a large extent by bachelors. The bankers are all unmated. The real estate man and money loaner is a single man. The city attorney is a bachelor. The telephone man is a dandy. The big merchant has not been haltered."

Continues Miss Hudspeth:

"At every turn in search of news or business an animated half confronts the editor. At long range one would suppose that a woman so situated would have a picnic, a gala day, a Fourth of July celebration every day in the week."

"Nay, the editor does not stand in with these gallant knights of the cup, who prefer drinks to sweet children and domestic joys. They have all banded together to make her either starve or get married. It looks ungallant to the world but they mean it in the greatest kindness. When the pesky writer of foibles is out of the way there will be no fly in society's ointment at Stuart. A woman has no place in business. She keeps things flying galley west and crooked. Crowd her to the wall. Don't give her a chance. Bravo!"

Concludes Miss Hudspeth:

"It makes all the difference which side of the bar a man is on. If he stands behind it and fills the glasses, he is all wrong. If he stands in front and fills his stomach, he is all right."

Who will deny, or attempt to deny, that she has not more than evened accounts with her enemies, the Stuart bachelors? Nobody who looks on impartially from a distance. Here is a woman that any bachelor anywhere might well take off his hat to.

The only question is, Is there a bachelor in Stuart who is worthy of her? If there is not, then Stuart is to be commiserated.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

It is becoming popular to attack the United States senate. These attacks may at times be warranted but when they are carried to the point of demanding that United States senators be elected by a direct vote of the people there may be room for debate. The fathers who organized our government and formulated our constitution, have even unto this day, a good reputation for wisdom. They provided in the constitution for the election of United States senators by the state legislatures. They provided at the same time for the election of the house of representatives by direct vote of the people. They had a reason for making this difference in the manner of selecting the two branches of congress. Before making up our minds finally to change the constitution so as to make the senate elective by popular vote it would be prudent to inquire why this was not done in the first place. It is not a reflection upon the intelligence of the American people to say that there are times of great excitement when it is possible for the people to do the wrong thing at the polls. The framers of our government saw this. There have been times when the senate has protected the people against their own errors. Not being directly responsible to them the senators at times have had a freedom of action that they could not have had otherwise. The United States senate has served as a brake when the wheels were going wrong more than once in the history of the country. At one time the house passed a resolution in favor of electing senators by direct vote. At the time Senator Hoar was at the head of the senate judiciary committee to which this resolution was referred. He certainly stood for the rights of the people and yet he reported against this resolution. In this report he said:

"The method of election would transfer practically the selection of the members of this body from the legislatures who are intrusted with all legislative powers of the states to bodies having no other responsibilities, whose election cannot be regulated by law, whose members act by proxy, whose tenure of office is for a single day, whose votes and proceedings are not recorded, who act under no responsibility, whose mistakes ordinarily can be corrected only by the choice of senators who do not represent the opinions, concerning public measures and policies, of the people who choose them. It requires the substitution of pluralities for majorities in the election. It will transfer the seat of political power in great states now distributed evenly over the territory of the great cities and masses of population. It will create new temptations to fraud, corruption, and other illegal practices. It will result in the overthrow of the whole scheme of the senate, and in the end of the whole scheme of the national constitution."

These are strong words and it would be well that we consider them well while making up our minds what would be gained by making the change.

Senator Hoar supported his resolution or report in a speech in which he said: "The great conquests which gave the union, and the constitution their empire over the reason and affection of our countrymen have been achieved in the senate." After reference to the work of Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Seward, Sumner, and others, he added:

"Victories in arms are common to all ages and to all nations. We do not excel, and it may be we do not equal, other people in these things. But the greatest victories of constitutional liberty since the world began are those whose battle ground has been the American senate and whose champions have been the Senators who for a hundred years, while they have resisted the popular passions of the hour, have led, represented, guided, obeyed, and made effective the deliberate will of a free people."

It should also be borne in mind that the enemies of representative government are the greatest clamorers of the change. While the action of the senate may at times be wrong, the fact remains that the senate as now constituted fits in well with our principle of popular government and should not be changed until we positively know it ought to be.

FAITH CURE INSANITY.

Chicago's city government acted properly in the case of Mrs. Ella Turner, a believer in Dowie's teachings. The woman had been suffering for over twenty-four hours and her life was in imminent peril, as her condition called for an immediate operation. Instead of calling a physician the woman's husband and relatives appealed to Overseer Voliva of Zion City, who sent one of his deacons to pray for her. The woman's pain increased so much that her cries attracted the attention of a neighbor, who reported the case to the health department. The police at once placed the matter in the hands of the health department and it was referred to Corporation Counsel Lewis, who expressed the opinion that the health department was justified in interfering in such extreme cases. A physician was sent to attend the woman and her suffering was stopped.

The only criticism to be found with the city government is that heretofore it has hesitated to act in such cases, though it has interfered on proper occasion to relieve the suffering of a dumb animal. Human beings deserve at least equal consideration and humanity sometimes requires their protection against their own folly.

The Chicago girls who are required to go on the streets nights have adopted the plan of carrying stilettos in their muffs with which to defend themselves in case of attack. This is all right providing they do not use the sticker before they are attacked.

It is reported that an American who has been caught selling bogus stock in London. This looks bad on its face but there is some compensation in the fact that some bogus fools have been caught in America.

If John R. Walsh comes out with $4,500,000 when his railroads are sold, if it were not not for the fact that Uncle Sam is after him, he might get out of his other entanglements in good shape.

The ground hog is due about now but he will have to do some shoveling to get out if he keeps his engagement.

With the recent court decision and the snow the street railways of Chicago are up against the real thing.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Beware the ides of March. You might fall into a snow bank.

Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner when in doubt merely changes her mind.

Secretary of War Taft says that work on the Panama canal will go on after every "truthful man and liar has been heard." Now, if the secretary had ended his prediction with truthful men one might easily have believed him, but since he has included all the liars there is a decided doubt as to the correctness of his prediction.

The Reverend Madison C. Peters knows twenty-four young women who drank up thirty-six quarts of champagne at one sitting. Here are unseen rocks on which some young man's savings will be wrecked. A thirst like that would call for a bank account beyond the dreams of avarice. The Rev. Peters should furnish names so that the guileless young man can steer clear of the danger.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says one of the arts of living is to "keep the mind occupied with new thoughts." Ella might follow her own advice with advantage. Her thoughts are of the same old kind—red hot, and still heating.

The announcement of an ice famine next summer does not strike the terror now that the price will next summer.

Another of the original Florodora girls has married a duke or something else. That stock of "original Florodora girls" is as inexhaustible as the oldest Mason.

If John Alexander Dowie serves no other purpose, he keeps the Chicago papers supplied with wadding.

Farmer Coltrin and James Hollinger will today demonstrate what real runners at primaries are.

"Wealth," says Andrew Carnegie, lessens happiness." It's only men like Mr. Carnegie, however, that can afford to follow out this line of philosophy.

A report on hazing at Annapolis shows that 281 men were guilty. The other two or three in the academy were declared innocent. They were the hazees.

Des Moines coal dealers have advanced the price of coal from $3 to $3.50. They give as an excuse that railroads and factories, alarmed at the strike, have used up the supply and cut it off from the local demand. There is a suspicion in some quarters that the strike talk was for the purpose of selling this surplus to some one.

More snow and a cold wave on the way. No use trying, we can't dodge it.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Governor Deneen and his political friends and leaders had a conference in the Union club at Chicago Tuesday and the papers say that they will control the coming county convention which is to be held on April 28.

In the registration of voters at Chicago Tuesday, 18,303 were added to the lists of last October making a total registration in the city of 409,555.

Former Governor Yates speaks at Lincoln tomorrow, at Carlinville in the afternoon and at Springfield at night. His itinerary for next week is as follows:

Monday—Albion in the morning, Mt. Vernon in the afternoon and Benton at night.

Tuesday—Eldorado in the morning, Vienna in the afternoon and Marion at night.

Wednesday—Waterloo in the afternoon and Belleville at night.

Thursday—Carlyle in the afternoon and Granite City at night.

Friday—Beardstown in the afternoon and Peoria at night.

Charles Wait Thomas, of Belleville, who on March 1 was nominated for the supreme bench from the First judicial district, died at Mullpanny hospital in St. Louis Tuesday, aged 65 years. He had submitted to an operation.

The republican city central committee has been organized at Litchfield with S. W. Kessinger chairman, and Harold Wood secretary.

The petition for placing Senator Cullom's name on the ticket will not be filed until March 23. His admirers had started out to get 50,000 names but it is stated now that the paper will contain 100,000.

A Mattoon paper says that Mr. McKinley is being considered as a candidate for senator. It is safe to say that no such thought has entered the head of Mr. McKinley. He is considering the question of being re-elected to congress and unquestionably will be this fall.

WARNER FOR CABINET

Clinton Man Is Mentioned in Connection With High Place.

A special from Washington says that Colonel Pash Warner, now commissioner of pensions, is being spoken of by many as a member of the cabinet to succeed Hitchcock as secretary of the interior. The dispatch says:

"The unofficially announced resignation of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock from the cabinet has caused friends of Colonel Warner, now commissioner of pensions, to bestir themselves. Secretary Hitchcock and always been close friends and Warner is thoroughly familiar with the policy that has made Secretary Hitchcock's success. Colonel Warner's successful career as soldier, lawyer, man of business, congressman for many years, and commissioner of pensions designates him as excellent material for a cabinet place. The fact that he is a western man is pointed out as a reason for his availability, for it is considered essential that the secretary of the interior be from the west, as interests of the interior department lie in the greater part in that section. Although Warner has been quoted as saying that he had no desire for a cabinet position it is believed that such an answer would not be accepted by his friends, and that if a seat in the charmed circle is offered him he will accept it."

RECTOR IS SUED

Former Supervisor Cordes Asks $5,000 Damages of Rev. Dr. Gray.

Mattoon, March 14.—The precipe of a suit for $5,000 damages was filed by Charles Cordes, former supervisor, against Dr. Andrew Gray, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, in the city court Tuesday afternoon.

The action is based on alleged statements made by Dr. Gray in the action which resulted in the plaintiff's daughter, Mamie Cordes, being awarded to the Middlesworth home.

Dr. Gray is at Springfield conducting a parish in Rev. Dr. Allen's absence.

New Names for Old Troubles.

What a fine thing it would have been for the human race had physicians never discovered anything about the nervous system or invented such terms as "nervous prostration" or "nervous dyspepsia." It makes one green with envy to think of those former times when peaople knew little or nothing about anatomy and when they called things by their right names. When they were ill tempered or jealous or melancholy they said they were, instead of putting everything on the poor nerves as we do now. When physicians are called in and find themselves at a loss to know just what is the matter with the patient—and even the very cleverest of them sometimes do find themselves in that humiliating position—they can always fall back upon "nerves," with the certainty that the patient will quite agree with them and also that he will immediately justify the diagnosis by having a nervous attack of some sort.

WINTER DOPE FOR THE FANS

President Holland Loses the Services of Three Last Year's Umpires.

MAC RESTING EASY

Dubuque Manager Tells Something of Interest.

Although Manager Loewe has been here almost a week now the baseball association has not gotten together for a meeting, although they had expected to hold a conference immediately following the manager's arrival. A meeting was called for Tuesday night but failed to materialize by reason of failure to get enough directors out. They are either all snowed in or do not think it necessary to start any baseball doings with the weather in its present condition. It is not thought that there will be any meeting at all this week now. Loewe has had several talks with individual members of the local association on matters pertaining to the coming season. Tuesday afternoon he and Wilson Bering got their heads together for an hour or so and outlined some work that must be done between now and the time for the players to report. Tickets will be sent to all of the players in about two weeks and they will be ordered to report between the first and fifth of April. Meanwhile the manager is taking things easy in his room at the Walston smoking ten-cent cigars and receiving callers who drop in to talk over the season's prospects.

Mac Is Resting Easy.

The statement in yesterday's Herald that Manager McFarland of Dubuque had made an announcement to the effect that he had given up all hope of having Outfielder Reagan on his team this summer and that he would not have him at any price, seems to have been a case of wrong "dope." Mac was seen on the street yesterday and when asked about it said that he had no thoughts whatever of giving up Reagan. In fact he is sure the fellow will come around and will be seen in a Dubuque uniform when the first game is called." Reagan is merely trying to carry out the bluff he started some weeks ago," said Mac, "but he will soon see which way his smoke is sailing and you can rest assured that I will get his contract duly signed within the next two or three weeks. I am not worrying at all. Davidson showed his good judgment by drawing in his strings and Reagan will soon follow suit."

Work for President Holland.

The noblest work that President Holland could do right at present, although it may possibly be a trifle late, is to take a fall out of a certain Three I league manager who is causing all of this trouble about players refusing to sign because of failure to get a raise in salary. The entire trouble lies in the fact that this certain manager, backed up of course by the association whom he represents, has been trifling with the players in the hope of causing a disruption between them and their manager in order that he can sign them for his team. While no names are mentioned it is the easiest thing in the world to guess who this certain manager is from the fact that the players refusing to sign are the best outfielders in the league and everybody knows what manager has been trying to land good outfielders. His town, of course, is about the largest in the circuit and of course he is able to offer more money, which certainly is a tempting bait for any ball player. Manager McFarland says this certain manager is the cause of the Reagan and Davidson trouble and is likewise responsible for Thornton's refusal to sign a Decatur contract. Thus it will be seen that the three best outfielders in the Three I league are the ones who have been tampered with. What manager was it that was trying so hard a few weeks ago to get good outfielders to complete his lineup? The same fellow was the cause of Roxy Walters getting away from Decatur, but Bloomington got him in the end and it did him little good. It is downright shameful that this manager should be allowed to cause all of this trouble merely because he is in a larger town, where he can afford to offer larger salaries. If Ross Thornton is not seen in a Decatur uniform this summer it will be because this manager has tampered with him, President Holland should at least make some effort to cut out such dishonest methods if he hopes to see the Three I league remain intact, as it certainly means destruction to the organization in the end. And once more, how many Three I teams will keep within the salary limit this season?

Cooper Badly Wanted.

Tom Cooper, custodian at the ball park, received another letter a few days ago from President Mike Sexton of the Rock Island association inquiring after the possibility of getting him to come to that city to take care of the ball park in that city. This makes the second letter "Coop" has received from Sexton and is certainly sufficient evidence that his services are really wanted there. "Coop" is probably the most widely known custodian in the Three I league and has had more than one offer to go elsewhere, but he remains loyal to his home town in spite of the tempting offers that are made. Without him to call their attention to the "sco' boahd" the fans would hardly think there was a baseball game going on in Decatur.

Cubs At Champaign Today.

The Chicago Cubs who play exhibition games here April 9 and 10, are due to arrive in Champaign from West Baden this afternoon to begin their spring training in earnest. About the only training they will be able to do for the next few days will be to train their wind by playing "fox and goose." They arrived at West Baden over a week ago and managed to get in two days of actual baseball training before the snow struck them. They, of course, will do most of their training at the university in the gymnasium.

White Uniforms.

At the meeting of the Bloomington association held on Tuesday evening the principal topic of discussion was the style of new uniforms to be used this season. Last year the suits were blue but many of them turned green before the season was ended. The fact was recalled that three years ago the uniforms were white and the Bloomers won the pennant that season. Now there are some of the directors superstitious enough to imagine that the white uniform was responsible for winning it and suggested that white be used this season. Accordingly the new outfit will be white with black trimmings. There is a general sentiment about the league in favor of all the clubs wearing white uniforms when playing at home and a darker material while on the road. This avoids confusion concerning the identity of players through similar uniforms.

Kinsella Reports.

"Rube" Kinsella, who has been wintering at Bloomington, received orders Tuesday to report today at Toledo and accompany the team to Cincinnati, where they will do their spring training. "Rube" took a run up to Lexington, his home town, for a short visit before leaving for the season.

McGreevy Down and Out.

Eugene McGreevey, being unable to even get so much as a tryout with any of the Three I teams this season, has announced that he believes he will not play any more. He says he has forsworn the diamond, except the kind worn in finger rings. The "King" thinks that by leaving baseball alone he can sport more of the glitering carbons than by twirling. He reports that he is doing well in the employ of a hotel at Cedar Rapids. His participation in baseball this year will be in the line of a spectator only.

Who Weers?

President Holland will be minus three of last year's umpires, two of whom he had counted on particularly for this season. William Milan, Decatur's genial friend (nit), will be one that will not be seen on this circuit. It has already been announced that he has secured a berth in the New York State league. The other two are Steve Cusack and Mike Lawrence. Cusack will go with Milan to the New York league, while Lawrence has signed to play in the outfield with Frank Belt's "Lunatics" in the Kitty league. Cusack's leaving will really be a loss to the Three I league as he proved himself about the most competent man on the staff last year. He was also a giant in size and what he said generally went with the players. For this reason particularly President Holland hoped to keep him this year. Another necessary qualification which he possessed was his honesty and squareness with every club in the league. His stentorian voice made it possible for every fan in the bleachers and grand stand to know what the decisions were and thus enable them to follow the game more closely. Lawrence will not be missed nearly so much, although Mike tried to do the square thing by all, but his age made his eyesight rather poor and he made a few unintentional blunders. Milan will be missed still less and no regret is felt at his departure from this league.

Mike Sexton's Forecast.

"I look forward to a most prosperous season," stated M. H. Sexton of the Rock Island baseball association, when asked for his opinion relative to the outlook. "When you stop to consider the prevailing conditions you cannot but think likewise. Practically the whole of last year's team will be back and in addition to this we have a large number of new men, who, if they live up to their reputations, will be valuable acquisitions. Although it is yet early to surmise, I can see no reason why the team should not be every bit as strong as last year, and, if such the Islanders will make another good race this coming season. Of course, we will miss Lister on first base but from the squad we should be able to pick a good man for the place without much trouble. The boys will be afforded the best kind of practice this year, and the training month will be more beneficial than ever before. With the large number of exhibition games on hand, covering the whole of April, the training will be of the kind to give the best results. I expect Manager McConnell in the latter part of the month."

Mattoon's Lineup.

The line-up of the Mattoon Hyphens in the Kitty league, up to date is as follows: Catchers, Al. Schissell, Indianapolis, and "Nig" Langdon, Charleston, pitchers, Clyde Holmes, Hillsboro, Ind.; W. C. Diehl, Frankfort, Ind., Charles Nields, Indianapolis; first base and catcher, Manager Berryhill; shortstop, R. E. Armstrong, Terre Haute, Ind., outfielders, Winfield Pickering, Olney, Ill.; "Pete" Vance, Crawfordsville, Ind.; third base, Lawrence Doyle, Troy, Ill.

Mathewson Quite Ill.

Christie Mathewson, the star twirler, of the New York Giants, is seriously ill at his room in the Cordova at Memphis, Tenn. Manager McGraw says Mathewson has only a severe cold and will be out in a few days. Dr. Kennedy Jones, who was first called in, says when he examined the pitcher he was suffering from nasal diphtheria. Dr. E. C. Ellett, who is now in attendance, admits that Mathewson has nasal diphtheria, but will make no statement as to when he will be able to get out or as to how serious the illness is or as to whether or not an operation will be necessary.

CHIEF OF POLICE MUST PAY FINE.

Spat On Sidewalk and Citizen of Town Got Even.

Charleston, March 14.—A warrant was sworn out this afternoon for the arrest of Chief of Police William Harris for violation of a city ordinance. The complaint upon which the warrant was issued was filed in Magistrate Burke's court by Fountain Turner, of this city, and charged the chief with disregarding the ordinance making it a misdemeanor to spit upon the sidewalk.

The prosecution of Chief Harris is in the nature of a retaliation and the opportunity for which Mr. Turner has been seeking came at noon today. A few months ago a son of Mr. Turner was arrested by Harris for spitting upon the sidewalk and the father vowed he would get even by prosecuting the chief upon the same charge before his term of office expired.

While Chief Harris was standing near the northwest corner of the square little realizing he was being watched, he discharged a good healthy mouthful upon the pavement. This was seen by Turner and other witnesses and the warrant for the arrest of the chief followed.

The Only Way.

Eve—There's no use talking, Adam, I can't take care of the children and do the housework too. You've got to get a girl.

Adam (with resignation)—Oh, very well. I suppose this is where I lose another rib.

Taylorville Wedding.

Taylorville, Ill., March 14.—Herbert J. Kohl of Mt. Auburn township, and Miss Anna M. Younker of Buckhart township were married at the home of the bride at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening, March 14. Rev. Mr. Sanders of Pawnee, officiating.

TO BID ON THE SHOPS

Contractor Fitzgibbons of St. Louis Was in Decatur on Wednesday.

GREEKS WILL COME

One Explanation of Rapid Work at Mine No. 15.

J. C. Fitzgibbon of St. Louis was in Decatur yesterday to look over the site of the new Wabash shops and to interview some of the local material men and sub-contractors in order to be well equipped to make a bid on the work of erecting the shops.

He wanted information as to prices on brick, and he wanted bids on the plumbing and heating necessary. That item alone according to the Wabash estimate will be between $25,000 and $30,000.

Contractor Fitzgibbon said that he must have his bid in by March 19 and he said that he would in all probability be in Decatur again one day next week for further information before putting in his bid.

Superintendent Here.

Superintendent Cotter of the Wabash was here yesterday. His car, Missouri, came to Decatur on one of the forenoon trains and remained here until train No. 10 for Chicago. During his stay in the city, accompanied by Superintendent Ferritor and Engineer Shelah, he visited the new shop site at East Decatur.

Will Unload Coal.

Yesterday the Wabash converted five box cars into sleeping cars by equipping them with bunks. It is understood that a number of Greek laborers are to be sent here from St. Louis to be used in unloading coal at East Decatur. The clam shell was out of service again yesterday and in spite of the efforts of the Wabash to get local labor for that work, men to unload the cars cannot be found. As a last resort Greek laborers will be brought here from St. Louis.

How It Is Explained.

Conductor W. L. Montgomery relates that at mine No. 15 a few days ago forty big coal cars were loaded within thirty-five minutes, the coal being mine run. When any doubt is expressed as to the correctness of the statement Conductor Montgomery declares that he knew, for he was there and saw the trick turned. Later an explanation was made in the statement that while he held his watch perhaps, and saw the work done in the time that he says, he had undoubtedly neglected to visit the watch inspector at stated intervals.

Moffat Pushes His Road.

Official announcement has been made by David H. Moffat that the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad will be completed through to reach Salt Lake City. Mr. Moffat, its promoter, who has had some difficulty in completing financial arrangements, now reports that the money question has been settled. Work will begin simultaneously from both ends of the line, and it is declared that all records in western mountain railroad building will be broken.

Jobbers Protest.

A delegation of Missouri river jobbers, fifty strong, invaded Chicago Tuesday to present their claims for a reduction in through rates from the Atlantic seaboard to the river before the executive committee of the Western Trunk Lines association. So formidable was this body, and so strong numerically, that it entirely crowded out the committee of three representing the shippers of Chicago, St. Louis and Quincy, which waited all afternoon for a chance to present the claims of these three cities for consideration in the making of a new rate.

The meeting resulted in nothing more definite than a promise on the part of the railroads to consider the proposed reduction in rates, and instructions to W. A. Hosmer of the association to prepare a schedule showing how far reaching the proposed reduction would be, and how it would affect the revenues of the railroads.

Train Load of Radiators.

Saturday the Wabash will have a special train out of Litchfield for Omaha. This train will be made up of twenty-five 3-foot box cars and each car will be loaded with radiators from the factory at Litchfield. This train will come via Decatur and west from this city to Omaha via Hannibal. That route is chosen because the bridge arbitrary at St. Louis may be saved.

The Hold-Outs.

Yesterday afternoon when Engineer Fred Ghere with engine 640 dragged a long freight train into the yards, Superintendent Ferritor commented thus: "That is the third train that that man has brought into Decatur today and another crew has brought in two. We will send him back after another, if possible, right away. Those trains have been held out on the sidetracks all the way from Decatur to Taylorville. They could not be brought here because the yards were blocked. The crews left the trains on the sidetracks and came to Decatur. As soon as the yards could receive these trains a passenger engine was pressed into the service for that purpose."

The snow made the yard work slow because it interferes with the switches, and that delay, added to the heavy business, makes the conditions even worse than they were two weeks ago.

GOING INTO BUSINESS

Ash Hopkins To Take Charge of Myers & Umbarger Store.

In the circuit clerk's office Wednesday was filed a bill of sale in which the National Grocery company conveys to Ashford H. Hoskins the stock of goods in the store at 242 North Main street. The consideration named is $675. This is the stock which Myers & Umbarger recently conveyed to the National Grocery company.

Sells Out.

Gays, Ill., March 14.—J. C. Armantrout, has sold his stock of merchandise to Fred Rose, who will take possession Monday, March 19. Mr. Armantrout has several things in view but has not yet decided which one he will take up. He will, however, remain in Gays.

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NEARBY TOWNS

DUNN.

Special Correspondence.

Dunn, Ill., March 14.—Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Shipman spent last Thursday with Mrs. Nancy Munroe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sipes and daughter Mattie, returned home Thursday [illegible] to the funeral of the former's sister.

[illegible] was a business visitor [illegible] Friday.

[illegible] was a caller in Sullivan [illegible].

Miss Susie Taylor was shopping in [illegible] last Friday.

Miss Maye Shipman returned home [illegible] a few days visit with [illegible] Eller at Sullivan.

[illegible] Bragg returned home [illegible] three weeks' visit [illegible] Mrs. Fred Adams and [illegible] Warrensburg.

[illegible] Shipman was a caller [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] Mrs. Perry Goetz and little [illegible] guests of A. L. Bragg [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] filled his regular appointment [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] Bragg and Arvil Batt were [illegible] Saturday.

[illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. Jim [illegible] has been quite sick.

[illegible] Neal had quite a painful accident [illegible] last week. While riding [illegible] belonging to Will Shipman [illegible] thrown from the colt and the [illegible] has a dislocated shoulder. He [illegible] taken to Bethany, where Drs. [illegible] and Vodakin attended him. He [illegible] to have his shoulder set the [illegible] time. He is now doing as well [illegible] be expected and thinks he [illegible] be able to resume his work in a [illegible] time.

[illegible] E. Wood was a business visitor [illegible] Bethany Saturday.

[illegible] W. Shipman spent the day Saturday at Sullivan.

MICHAEL PHELAN DIES AT NIANTIC

Old Settler Falls a Victim to Pneumonia.

Special to The Herald.

Niantic, Ill., March 14.—Michael [illegible], an aged farmer north of [illegible], died Wednesday [illegible] of pneumonia. He leaves his wife, five daughters and three sons. He was esteemed as a worthy citizen. The funeral will [illegible] from the Catholic [illegible] of which he was a member. [illegible] was 84 years of age. His sons are Augustus [illegible] James, of Lincoln; John, of Niantic. The daughters are Mrs. Patrick [illegible] northwest of Niantic; Mrs. Patrick [illegible] of Riverton; Mrs. [illegible] Smith of Riverton, Mrs. Pete [illegible] of Niantic. Mrs. Theresa [illegible].

Wedding.

Louis Oliver and Eva Miller went to [illegible] Wednesday, and were married. Owing to the recent death and continued illness in the family of the bride, no invitations outside of the immediate families were issued. The groom is an industrious farmer, esteemed as a worthy young man by neighbors and friends, and the bride belongs to one of our best families and is an estimable lady. May many years of happiness lie before them. The marriage would have occurred sooner had not illness in the family prevented.

Niantic Notes.

[illegible] D. Kitch has been appointed [illegible] agent.

We have had two funerals in our town this week, that of George W. [illegible], whose parents live on John [illegible]'s farm, and Beatrice Stevens, the last to die of the three triplet daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Stevens Christmas morning. First, [illegible] died, then Bertha.

Fifteen members were initiated this week in the mysteries of Odd Fellowship. The Warrensburg degree staff [illegible] them.

Democratic primaries Saturday. We [illegible] to hear of any republican opposition.

Misses Lucile and Jeanette Cunningham and Ella Pritchett went to Decatur Monday night to see "The Lion and the Mouse."

Misses Lucile and Jeanette Cunningham and Ella Pritchett attended the "Lion and the Mouse" in Decatur Monday night.

CLINTON.

Special Correspondence.

Clinton, March 14.—David Huff died [illegible] home on West Washington street Monday evening at 6 o'clock of tuberculosis. The deceased has been in failing health for the past three years but was not confined to his home until two months ago. He was born in De Witt county, where he grew to manhood. In 1903 he was married to Miss Ada Reed, of Clinton, who survives him. Besides his wife he leaves a father, John Huff, and several brothers and sisters. Ted Huff of Maroa, Robert Huff of Michigan and Charles and [illegible] Huff of Clinton.

For the past four years Mr. Huff and [illegible] have conducted a saloon but recently he sold out his interest to his partner. The funeral will be held from the M. E. church Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Riggs and the [illegible] Eagles of which the deceased was a member. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Notes.

Lena Temple, Rathbone Sisters, gave a banquet Monday night to the lodge members. Mrs. Mary Spicer, grand junior officer, transferred her membership from Kenney to Clinton temple.

Len Riley and wife have returned home to Freeport.

W. P. Hargan went to St. Louis Tuesday on business.

Miss Maude Bell of Hayworth is visiting at the home of J. A. Crl.

Charles Bell and wife of Pana, are visiting Clinton relatives.

Operator H. A. Hamilton of the East yards, attended the "Lion and the Mouse" in Decatur.

Miss Frances Keys has returned to her home in Springfield, after a visit with Clinton friends.

BEMENT.

Special Correspondence.

Bement, March 14.—Mrs. V. H. Cutler who has been visiting Mrs. Sam Clark, has returned to her home in Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. M. Masterson and son Fred, of Decatur, are visiting her sister, Mrs. John Holderman.

Miss Angy Bagel of Ivesdale, is the guest of Stella Mason.

Charles Martin went to Kansas Sunday on business.

Miss Mayme Bodman is visiting in Decatur and Sunday she addresses the Young People's society at the First Presbyterian church on the subject of "Life in Guatemala."

Mrs. Sam Jones of Danville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Evans.

John Benson and sister of Decatur, spent Sunday with their cousin, Andrew Swanson.

Miss Mayme Dey has returned from Chicago with the latest styles in millinery, and will have her opening Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Peck has returned home from a week's visit in Decatur and Cerro Gordo.

Mrs. Will Thompson and children of near Voorhies is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dawson.

Ray Sine of Chicago, is visiting his parents.

Miss Nettie Dawson is home again.

W. W. Davis attended the opera in Decatur Monday night.

The Bement Business band will produce the play "The Spy of Gettysburg" at the town hall Monday and Tuesday nights.

Miss Blanche and Jessie Oldridge visited Mrs. James Howard in Monticello the last of the week.

Wells Carter will move to Henry Johnson's place east of town.

The skating rink closed Friday night.

OREANA.

Special Correspondence.

Oreana, March 14.—Miss Ida Strope returned Sunday from a visit with friends in Chicago.

I. C. Deffenbaugh spent Sunday in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Coble of Decatur, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Fred Morrison of Maroa, was in Oreana Saturday.

George Nein and wife of Elwin, visited over Sunday with relatives.

The Oreana postoffice changed hands Saturday night. S. B. Stewart is the new postmaster.

A. W. Bennett of Decatur, spent Sunday with his family here.

Miss Carrie Stewart was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

H. C. Bower is visiting relatives at White Hall.

Miss Grace Hobson of Decatur, spent Saturday here.

Miss Emma Malone is spending this week with friends in Decatur.

Mrs. J. Oldweiler is seriously ill at this writing.

LONG CREEK.

Special Correspondence.

Long Creek, March 14.—There was no service at the M. E. church Sunday, owing to the snow storm.

George Shumate has moved to the S. B. Rider property.

James Reynolds, who has been sick, is able to be out again.

Anderson Rider of Lintner was calling on friends here Friday.

M. D. Lindsey spent Tuesday with his son, Dr. L. M. Lindsey, of Lovington.

MIDLAND CITY.

Special Correspondence.

Midland City, Ill., March 14.—Lincoln Safly went to Bloomington on Friday to visit his cousin, H. Keys, and attend the athletic indoor track meet in the above city. Guy Horney of Beason also went.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wallace have moved to this city and are occupying the residence lately vacated by Mr. Summit.

Miss Anne Rainy of Decatur will spend the spring and summer months with Mrs. Eliza Safly.

Miss Ruby Bioye, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Lucy Pennington has returned to school after a week's illness.

Mrs. Morse and son of Clinton are visiting here this week.

Jim Lang of Clinton was in our town on Tuesday.

Wiley Smith transacted business in Clinton on Tuesday.

Harry Kester spent Monday night with his sisters in Beason.

The protracted meetings at the C. P. church for the past week were fairly well attended. The inclemency of the weather at the present time prevents many from attending.

The following farmers have split log drags and used same on the roads: Charles Jones, John Marvel, J. B. Humphrey, William Swan, Wiley Smith. John M. Safly contemplates starting one soon.

MOWEAQUA.

Special Correspondence.

Moweaqua, Ill., March 14—The meetings which have been in progress at the Methodist church for about three weeks closed on Monday night. The presiding elder, the Rev. Mr. Shipp, of Decatur, was present and preached an excellent sermon. Much good was accomplished in these meetings.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral of Miss Daisy Kirkman, which was held at the Baptist church Monday morning. She died at the home of her brother, Charles Kirman, of Decatur, on Saturday.

Miss Tull, one of the teachers in our public schools is confined to her home with mumps.

Will McGinley was home from Champaign over Sunday.

WAYNESVILLE.

Special Correspondence.

Waynesville, March 14.—Harry Bayless is visiting in Nebraska.

C. A. Dick left last Tuesday for Indian Head, Canada, where he and Mr. E. A. Marvil have land interests.

Mrs. Sam Martin and son, Philip, and Misses Edith Marvil and Myrtle Ests, were in Lincoln Thursday evening to attend the concert.

George Hume and James Compton started their cars Saturday for Aberdeen, S. D., where they purchased farms.

Miss Louisa Dodson died at Kelso sanitarium of paralysis Sunday evening at 6:30. Her body was brought here Monday and the funeral service was held at her home in Waynesville at 2:30 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. W. O. Roush. Interment was in Union cemetery.

PRAIRIE HOME.

Special Correspondence.

Prairie Home, March 14.—A. L. Cox and son were in Bethany Thursday.

Dan Faust delivered hogs to Bethany Thursday.

The roads are almost impassable except on horseback. The mud has not been so bad for years.

Pete Pen moved his family to one of I. B. Hyde's farms.

E. S. Pelton was in Moweaqua Thursday to have Ralph Oyers look over his commission book.

Guy Cox was in Moweaqua Saturday to see Mr. Coulbert, recorder for the Court of Honor.

The Court of Honor here has suspended. All who wish to continue in the order will have to transfer to other courts.

The central examination was held at Maple Grove school Saturday by Miss Trotter and Mr. Martin.

O. J. Overy of Indianapolis, is helping his tenant do some repairing on his farm the past week.

CULPEPPER COLLAPSES

Recent Strain on the Evangelist Has Proved To Much.

HE WILL GO HOME.

Jacksonville, Ill., March 14.—The Culpepper revival meetings in this city continue in interest and thousands hear Evangelists Culpepper, Conoley and Culpeper, jr., daily in the great tabernacle. Standing room is generally at a premium, and although the immense structure erected for the meetings will hold several thousand people, overflow meetings in the various churches have been necessary. A chorus choir of 500 voices furnishes the music.

The strain of the meeting upon Doctor Culpepper is beginning to tell on his constitution, and Sunday he suffered a complete collapse. His condition improved Monday and became worse again today. Great alarm as to the outcome is felt, and the failure of the strength of the great evangelist at this time is looked upon as little less than a public calamity. The continued strain of the big meeting that shook Decatur several weeks ago, immediately followed by a prolonged campaign in this city, has proven almost too much for human endurance.

This afternoon most of the business houses of the city closed their doors from 1 until 3 o'clock in accordance to the request of the evangelists, and a monster meeting was held. In the midst of the meeting Doctor Culpepper was summoned by telephone to the bedside of his father, and the circumstance created a profound impression. The stricken man will be removed to his home in Mississippi today.

The Culpepper meetings in this city have been unique. The erection of a tabernacle, a temporary structure of ample proportions, was followed by a revival that extended to other cities. Bands of young men pledged to the ministry have come from Decatur, others from Springfield and elsewhere to assist. One young man of Decatur, resigned a position of trust and honor there, in order that he might be with Doctor Culpepper and assist in the meeting. He is supporting himself in the meantime by working with the unskilled laborers at the woolen mills conducted by J. Capps & Sons.

One of the most popular acts of Doctor Culpepper since he has been in the city was his strong commendation before an immense audience of the course which Mayor John R. Davis is taking at the present time to suppress vice in the city.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

STATE FIRE RATE NOT TO BE CHANGED

Springfield, March 14.—No readjustment of insurance rates for the state is contemplated by the Illinois State Board of Fire Underwriters, according to the statement of C. F. Persch, secretary of the board, which held its quarterly meeting at the Leland hotel yesterday. No changes of any sort are contemplated in the ratings in this state at the present time.

It is probable that the matter of rating Springfield will be taken up at a future meeting of the board. This, however, so far has not been done. The executive board held several sessions yesterday, at which time the conditions in various parts of the state were taken up and discussed. The business transacted was of a routine nature.

The state organization numbers eighty members. Fifty were in attendance at the meeting yesterday. F. B. Luce is president of the executive committee, F. C. Hazelton vice president and C. F. Persch secretary.

PRIMARY LAW OPINION

How "Citizen and Progressive Parties et al" Get on the Ballot.

STEAD SHOWS THEM.

Springfield, Ill., March 14.—Attorney General Stead, in an opinion rendered yesterday, holds that the new primary law applies only to the parties which at the last general election polled ten per cent. of the vote of the state, and that under this provision the new law applies only to the republican and democratic parties and in places where these parties failed to hold primaries March 3, as Joliet for instance, these two parties can not get their names on the official ballot.

He holds further that where nominations of candidates have for city offices heretofore been made by "Citizens," "People's," "Progressive" or some other party not republican and democratic in cities of over 1,000 population, and such party has polled at least two per cent. of the total vote of the city at the last preceding election, such party may nominate by caucus or convention as provided for by section 4 of the Australian ballot act, the certificate of nomination being filed fifteen days before the election with the city clerk. Such nominations can not be made by petition.

How to Make Up Blank Ballot.

Independent candidates must have filed their petition by Friday, March 2, on or before 12 o'clock, noon.

If the nomination of candidates for city offices has heretofore been made by political parties, that is, by the republican and democratic parties—and if no independent candidates have filed petitions, then the city clerk will have on certificates of nomination or nomination papers before him with which to make up the official ballot. In such a case the city clerk will make up the official ballot by printing the name of the office, underneath thereof a line upon which the elector may write the name of the person of his choice, and to the left of said line a square, and so on for each office to be filled, the elector may write in the name of the person of his choice and place a cross in the square to the left and opposite said name.

LETTER CARRIER ARRESTED

Veteran at La Salle Charged With Robbing the Mail.

La Salle, Ill., March 13.—Joseph J. Wittliff, for thirteen years a letter carrier here, is now in custody, charged with stealing money from letters entrusted to his care. He has long been under suspicion, and when arrested it is said marked currency was found in his pockets, also one decoy letter unopened. He was held in bonds of $2,-000. It is believed by those connected with the postoffice that he has been doing this work for two years.

WANT $10,000 FOR AVERTING A WRECK

After Saving Train Man Fell From Bridge and Was Hurt.

Shelbyville, Ill., March 13.—William McManaway, the hero of an averted wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad at Cowden four months ago, has filed suit against the company for $10,000 for his services and for injuries sustained by falling through the bridge immediately after saving the passenger train from a like fate. McManaway was working for the railroad as a section hand and flagged a train that was rushing to destruction.

OPERA HOUSE IS TRADED FOR LAND.

Decatur Woman Gets the Building at Arcola.

Arcola, Ill., March 13.—Samuel Smiley, manager of the Arcola theater, has traded the building to Mrs. C. E. Miller of Decatur for 1,280 acres of land lying near Jonesboro, Ark.

TYPHOID FEVER IS EPIDEMIC.

Sixty Cases of the Disease Are Reported At Casey.

Springfield, Ill., March 14.—Sixty cases of typhoid fever, with nine or ten deaths, are reported at Casey, Clark county, and the disease is still spreading. Oil has recently been discovered in Casey, and within a few months the population has jumped from 1,500 to more than 4,000. The town has no water works, the supply being taken from wells, and no sewerage system. The state board of health will send an inspector there to co-operate with the local authorities in reorganizing the sanitary conditions.

H. BROOKS GRAFTON GETS GOOD POSITION.

Named As An Observer In Weather Station at Columbus, Ohio.

Lerna, Ill., March 14.—H. Brooks Grafton of Lerna has been appointed observer in the government's weather bureau at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Grafton has been a teacher in the schools of Coles and Cumberland counties for the past eight or nine years, and is but 29 years old. The position is a lucrative one.

Killed by Train.

Chrisman, Ill., March 14.—Thomas Roberts, aged 50 years, was struck by the 11:30 train going north from here this morning and instantly killed. Roberts was engaged in sweeping snow out of a switch a short distance from the depot, but owing to the storm, did not hear the approaching train. He was struck in the back and when picked up life was extinct.

MAY RAISE FARES

Electric and Steam Railways Go Into a Combine.

Pekin, Ill., March 14.—It is stated in railroad circles that the Peoria & Pekin Union railway and the Peoria & Pekin Terminal railway companies have practically arrived at an agreement relative to the fare between Pekin and Peoria, which may be 20 cents one way, and 25 cents round trip. Prior to the building of the electric line between the two cities the fare between the two cities was 25 cents one way and 40 cents round trip. The Peoria & Pekin Union had the only line at that time, all other roads running through Pekin into Peoria going over the P. & P. U. road out of Pekin. When the electric line was built the fare was lessened, a rate of 16 cents each way being made. To meet this competition the P. & P. U. made a rate of 10 cents one way and 15 cents round trip. With these rates both companies have lost money on their passenger business, and for this reason negotiations are said to have been ordered up several days ago with a view to agreeing upon a uniform rate. If the plans carry the probability is the new schedule of rates will go into effect within thirty days.

A WELCOME FOR CASHIER JUNTGEN

People At Paris Give Him Ovation On His Return.

Paris, Ill., March 14.—That the verdict acquitting Walter W. Juntgen in the federal court at Danville is approved in this, his home city, was plainly displayed when the train bearing him, his wife, father and mother, arrived here at 10:40.

The weather was bad, but a large throng of people was at the railway station. They crowded to the coach and extended warm congratulations as Juntgen stepped forth on the platform. He has the sympathy of nine out of ten of our people and the verdict, while anticipated, is generally approved.

Wife Shows Feeling.

The jury came in at Danville at 8:30 this morning after being out all night. The defendant was plainly affected when they filed in and lined up before Judge Wright. As the court read "not guilty," Mrs. Juntgen, a very pretty woman, threw her arms around her husband's neck and sobbed with relief. Next he was embraced by his aged parents who have clung to him from the first.

The result of this trial will in all probability end the criminal proceedings against Juntgen, which followed the sensational blowing up of the bank here several months ago.

Wins in Circuit Court.

Juntgen was first acquitted before Judge James W. Craig in the Edgar county circuit court of wrecking the bank. His indictment of having violated federal banking laws was regarded a more serious ordeal to face.

The defendant's attorneys admitted alterations in the books and fake entries, but charged that President James Parrish of the bank was responsible and Cashier Juntgen was being made a scapegoat for others' sins.

LEFT A LARGE ESTATE

Inheritance Tax On Property of J. W. Richmond of Fisher is $1,407.25.

Urbana, Ill., March 14.—The heirs of the late J. W. Richmond, of Fisher must pay Champaign county $1,407.25 inheritance tax as a result of the report of an appraiser of the estate, made to Judge Staley in the county court at Urbana. The inherited estate is appraised at $254,725 and the portion liable to the one per cent. tax is $119,725.

An estate of which the real estate is estimated to be worth about $50,000 and personal property $1,600 was left by the late James Miller who died at Rantoul on March 8. His will, which was filed for probate with the county clerk at Urbana today makes the following bequests: Mrs. Mary Jackson of Rantoul, a niece, homestead, household goods and 160 acres of land; to nephews John B. and Joseph D. Jackson and Thomas Molley 160 acres; St. Malchy's Catholic church, $1,000 toward a pipe organ; Bridget B. Bossman, $600; Ann McCauley, $550; Mary Jackson, $500; Anna Coughlin of Champaign, $500; Teressa Clennan, $500, Rev. James A. Quinn, for masses, $100, Rev. P. H. Darkin, $200 for masses and $100 for personal use; James and Thomas C. Jackson, business houses in Rantoul; all that remains to Mary Jackson.

PLURALITY OR MAJORITY PLAN

Republican County Central Committee To Meet March 22d.

TO FIX PRIMARIES

And Decide on Manner of Selecting Candidates.

James S. Baldwin, secretary of the republican county central committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee to be held at the city council rooms Thursday, March 22 at 1 o'clock. The meeting is for the purpose of deciding upon the hour and place of holding the county convention, whether the nominations shall be decided by a majority or plurality vote and for other purposes. The primaries are held under the new primary law but there are several matters which must be fixed by the committee. In all probabilities the plurality vote at the primaries will decide who is nominated for each office.

The Call.

The following is the call for the central committee meeting as sent out by the chairman and secretary:

In accordance with Section 6 of an act to provide for the holding and regulation of primary elections approved May 18, 1905 you are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Macon county Republican Central committee at the city council rooms Thursday afternoon March 22, 1906, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of determining the manner of nominating candidates, the issuance of a call for a county convention, the officers to be nominated at the primary, the number of delegates that shall compose the convention, the number of delegates each district shall be entitled to in said convention and any and all other business that may be presented to said committee meeting. You are informed that under the law no committeeman shall be permitted to name a proxy or vote thereby at this meeting, but if such committeemen is unable to be personally present he shall notify the committee in writing how his vote shall be cast on the question of nomination by a majority or plurality vote at said primary and the chairman of the county committee shall publicly read and announce such vote of such absent committeemen and such shall be recorded at roll call in like manner as those who are present.

Yours truly,
M. F. KANAN, Chairman.
J. S. BALDWIN, Secretary.

Death of Charles Shuler.

News was received in the city Tuesday announcing the death of Charles Shuler. His death occurred at his home in Mechanicsburg, Penn. Those who went from this city were Grant Shuler and William Shaffer; also Mr. Spera of Cisco.

Church News

The Sewing society of S. R. Gher's class will meet on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Songer, 125 East Decatur street.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist church gave a "Dollar Society" at the home of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, 309 West Prairie avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Between forty and fifty laides were present and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Each lady brought a dollar with her, and the afternoon was devoted to telling how each one earned her money. Some very interesting experiences were told. The amount raised by the ladies yesterday afternoon was $57.27, and there are a few dollars that have not been turned in yet.

Miss Florence Armstrong sang a solo which was very much appreciated by the ladies. Following this a light lunch, consisting of bread and butter sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts and pickles was served.

The Young Women's Bible class of the First Presbyterian church will hold a social and business meeting in the church parlor Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as matters of importance will be brought up.

Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. Baker, 709 West Main street. Subject: "Divorce as Christ Taught It."

A farewell reception will be given in the parlors of Central Church on this evening for Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Bean, who leave in a few days for their new home in Bloomington. All members of the church are invited, and any friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bean who are not members of this church will receive a hearty welcome. A short program has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

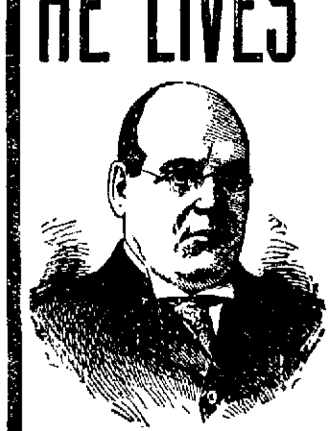
CITIZENS' LEAGUE IS BUSY

Danville, Ill., March 14.—Last fall a Citizens' League was organized in Danville to assist in purifying the city, but beyond adding a few indictments at the last term of court, nothing was done openly by its members until today, when President B. F. Cook filed with the board of supervisors a communication calling attention to charges that have been made against County Treasurer McCord that he had unlawfully appropriated sums aggregating $1,-761.75 out of the county funds and asking that the matter be investigated. It was referred to a committee of the board.

McCord is charged with paying himself $415 for supervising assessments, contrary to law; charging the county $996.75 for clerk hire, contrary to law; including in his reports of December 12, 1904, charges against the county for $125 as clerk hire to his daughter and son, when they had rendered no service, failing to charge himself with $225 collected as commission on drainage taxes.

Treasurer McCord is out of the city tonight and his version could not be secured. He is a candidate for county clerk at the spring election and has always borne a good reputation.

HE LIVES IN DECATUR



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It would be impossible to move Dr. Howell's equipment from place to place. He must remain in one place to cure his patients. Therefore he must be reliable. Dr. Howell is too busy to leave Decatur. He may be seen every day in the week.

Why be treated by a specialist whose "office" is in a hotel bedroom, or in his grip, or under his hat? You need treatment and examination several times in a month. You need the best. Why not get it? Dr. Howell may be seen daily.

Dr. Howell cures Catarrh, Catarrh of the Head, of the Throat, the Lungs, the Stomach and Bowels, and of the Bladder and Kidneys. He cures rheumatism.

Dr. Howell cures special diseases of MEN. He cures nervous debility, chronic weakness and varicocele. He cures blood and skin diseases. He cures private diseases.

Dr. Howell has spent thousands of dollars for special apparatus. Some are for diagnosis (to locate the disease.) Some for treatment to cure the disease. Why not get the benefit of all this for yourself?

Dr. Howell has had 27 years of experience. Not in small towns: In large cities, here and in other countries. Why not get the benefit? You!

I cure diseases peculiar to WOMEN, without the knife. I cure all Chronic Diseases, diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels, Rheumatism, Catarrh and all Chronic, Nervous, Blood Wasting and Private Diseases.

MY GUARANTEE

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CIRCUIT COURT HAS HOLIDAY

Suit of Brown Vs. Levin Was On Trial Wednesday

OVER BILL OF GOODS

Which Defendant Claims Were Consigned.

There ... the circuit court ... was taken ... Wednesday ... this ... of the ...

Levin Case

The ... Levin ... Chicago ... brought ... goods ... back and Brown wants Levin to pay for the stuff. He is suing for $69.

Attorney ... Decatur and Attorney ... represent the plaintiff ... Adams and John Fitzgerald ... defending for Levin.

The jury selected ... was ... Ira ... Geo ... George ... Jake ... Gollier ... ... The final ... ing the ... to the jury with instructions to re- turn a sealed verdict ...

Chancery

... vs ... Pyler ... dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Law Docket

J. H. ... vs ... cost of plaintiff.

... Trespass ... vs ... suit dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

... vs. City of Decatur trespass on the case settled and dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Peter H ... vs ... Threshers Mutual Insurance company assumpsit dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Laura I. Jenkins vs Mary E. Pritchett covenant by agreement to foot of docket to be tried by court.

M. C. Nickey vs Wabash Railroad company appeal by agreement to foot of docket to be tried by court.

Arthur Betz vs W. S. ... motion by defendant for new trial.

Mary F. Randolph vs H. ... Settle assumpsit ... motion by defendant for leave to withdraw plea of general issue.

GETTING READY FOR CONVENTION

Congregational Ladies Will Entertain State W. B. M. I.

The ladies ... general ... making arrangements for the holding of the state convention of the W. B. M. I. which will be held in the church in this city April ... It is expected that the meeting will be a very important one. There will be missionaries from India, China and Africa present.

The regular meeting of the society will be held Friday afternoon. If the work of decorating the parlors of the church is completed by that time the meeting will be held in them. If not the ladies will meet with Mrs. George R. Brown at ... West ... street. The meeting will begin at ... o'clock and is for the purpose of making paper flowers. It is requested that the ladies comprising the committee appointed to make arrangements for the meeting of the W. B. M. I. be present.

DUCKS SCARE ABOUT DECATUR

Local Hunters Are Unable to Locate Any of Them

While hunters along the Illinois river report ducks in larger numbers than has been known for years local nimrods who have been out within a radius of a dozen miles of Decatur say there is very little doing in that line. It was reported about a month ago that people living along the river bottoms had seen large numbers of ducks around here but when the hunters went after them they had suddenly disappeared. Ed Jenison, who would rather hunt ducks any day than eat a good square meal has made a trip or two to Calamus Lake west of Decatur which is considered about the best duck retreat about here and a few days ago rowed several miles up the river but all he got was some good sized blisters on his hands. He will wait for the weather to break up and get warmer before he ventures out again.

NOBODY WORKS BUT FATHER

Prof Walter Is Arranging New Number for Band

Prof. Robert Walter is arranging a new band number which he hopes to have ready for the regular rehearsal next Sunday afternoon. It is ... on Everybody Works But Father ... The arrangement ... played ... here last week. He says he may not be able to get in all of the flips and twists that the great bandmaster brought out in his arrangement but he will also use a few ideas of his own which will make the number quite catchy. His last arrangement a medley of popular airs which he prepared about three weeks ago is quite a hit and the band is quite in proud of it as one of the best he has yet put before them.

PRINTS BY ELECTRIC LIGHT

New Photographic Device Turns Out Postal Cards Automatically

A novel electric apparatus has been brought out in Belgium for producing photographic prints. It applies to printing prints which are made by artificial light and is especially useful for turning out such prints in the shape of postal cards producing the latter automatically and in quantities.

The operation of the apparatus is simple. An automatic device applies the paper from a roll or magazine against the negative. Then an incandescent lamp is turned on for a time which has been previously adjusted once for all in the case of a given negative. After the exposure the lamp is turned off and the paper is removed from the negative and goes into a dark box then a fresh piece of paper is applied and so on.

The apparatus is set so as to give a certain number of prints from a given negative ... at the end of the printing ... the exposure ... operated by a ...

WITH THE SICK

Mrs. H. ... West ...

Miss Mary Daly of West Prairie ... severe ... foot by stepping ... Tuesday ... as yet ... know ... the result will be.

George Flores, clerk at the H. W. ... who has been confined to his ... for the past week with an abscess ... his ... was operated ... by Dr. A. J. Wilkerson Wednesday afternoon. The abscess was the result of a cold received a few days ago but it is thought that the ... will not result seriously and that George will be out in a few days.

John D. ... who was burned so severely at the plant of the Central ... Iron Works about a week ago by ... a ladle of molten lead ... is still at St. Mary's hospital and suffers considerable pain. It is thought that he will recover nicely.

Mrs. Joshua ... is seriously ill at her home on North ... street.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. ... is seriously ill at the home of his parents with the worst case of measles that has been in his care for some time. Dr. A. F. Wilkerson says that it is the worst case the he ever saw. He also has a slight attack of ... along with the measles.

A case of measles was reported Wednesday in the family of ... West Main street.

Mrs. ... Ward who has been ill at her home ... West Main street with stomach trouble for the past eight weeks is improving.

Mrs. ... who has been suffering with severe case of pneumonia is recovering.

Arthur Johnson is seriously ill with lung fever at his home on North Main street.

Miss Ella Race who has been ill at her home is gradually getting better and is able to sit up each day. She was not at the hospital as was reported.

Roy Johnson son of Milton Johnson is home from the University of Illinois. He had an attack of rheumatism and came home to get better and now one leg is badly swollen and he is confined to the house.

A Scientific Wonder

The cures that stand to its credit make Bucklen's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro Pa. of a distressing case of piles. It heals the worst burns sores boils ulcers cuts wounds chilblains and salt rheum. Only 25c at J. E. King's Kiones and C. H. Walters drug stores.

HORSE FELL ON ICE

Bruised Itself and Damaged Shaft and Harness

A horse attached to a delivery wagon of the ... Grocery company slipped on the snow and ice at the corner of Eldorado and Church streets Wednesday afternoon and falling to the pavement broke a shaft besides bruising itself ... The driver managed to get back to the stable. The accident was due to the horse being ... shod.

Model for European Armies

World's Work: The German army of today is the finest and most efficient fighting organization that the world has ever seen and it has served as a model for the armies of most other countries. The Austrian army has been organized on methods copied exactly from the German system. The Japanese army also took its methods in organization as well as in strategy and tactics from Germany and German officers. The Chinese army has now adopted German methods. Nearly all the smaller countries of Europe with aspirations to military efficiency have borrowed officers from the German army to instruct their troops. The Turkish army was so organized.

HIGH WINDS RARE IN ROME

Air Moves at an Average Speed of Five Miles an Hour

Gales are very rare in Rome and never blows with extreme violence. The most striking peculiarity of the Roman climate is the absence of high winds. The air is pure and clear owing to an almost complete absence of smoke even in the winter months.

The average yearly movement of the air is only five miles an hour. This is of enormous advantage in winter since the tramontana —north wind— which is the prevailing wind in this season is if strong decidedly cold and bracing but when under eight miles an hour is delightful for most people including invalids. The south winds are essentially sea breezes. They frequently alternate with the tramontana.

The sirocco—southeast wind—which fortunately does not often blow is moist and enervating. It gives rise to languor in most individuals.

Doctors Are Puzzled

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McIver of Vanceboro Me is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: Owing to severe inflammation of the throat and congestion of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die when as a last resort I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say it saved my life. Cures the worst coughs and colds bronchitis tonsilitis weak lungs hoarseness and la grippe. Guaranteed by J. E. King Kione and C. H. Walters druggists 50c and $1. Trial bottle 10c.

NO WILLFUL VIOLATION

Factory Inspector Menche Has About Concluded Work in Decatur.

CONDITION IMPROVED

Compared With That Before Law Was Effective.

Alvin M ... deputy state factory inspector ... about concluded a two weeks inspection in this city and says that he has found ... here that might be considered a willful violation of the law. He has found he said ... but nothing that was of such a character that anything more than a bit of advice was necessary.

Inspector Menche says that the law is a bit complicated and that there may be ... for some of the little ... that are found. As a rule ... that everything ... the employers are ready ... the ...

Getting Better.

Thus far this year he has found no serious violations and he declares that the conditions are infinitely better than when he first entered the service four years ago. He ... to make the law effective to the limit ... short appropriation the last legislature having failed to appropriate as much money as is regarded as necessary to do all of the work that the department should do.

Inspector Menche speaks ... of the large employers ... are now strong ... of the law and men and corporations formerly hiring large numbers of children say that the child labor law is a good thing not only for the children but for the employers and explains this by saying that the employers find that while the payroll is increased they have saved in other directions sufficient to more than make a balance. The manufacturers ... a balance. The manufacturers say that in repairs of breaks caused by careless children in supervision and all that sort of expense there has been a reduction and while there is a bigger payroll the present situation is more satisfactory and they would not return to the old way if they could.

Chicago is a proposition all by itself and there are twelve inspectors there all the time and then they cannot cover the field as it should be covered.

In Peoria

Inspector Menche says that only in Peoria did he ever have occasion to discipline a repeater. There boys were found in a factory and the employers were given the minimum fine. By accident a few days later Inspector Mencke found that the same boys had practically walked from the court back to the shops. He watched several days to make certain that there was no mistake and then he made a second case against the violators. Investigation developed the fact that the employers had figured that they were now safe from an inspector's visit for at least six months. They expected to close out their business within that time and wanted the boys who were familiar with the work.

Hardship Sometimes

The inspector admitted that there were cases where the prohibition wrought a hardship on poor women who needed the pittance that the children might earn. This he said was especially true in river towns. The husbands would fish enough to get a little liquor and that was what they always spent the money for. The poor women slaved at the wash tub perhaps and the fact that the children were barred from the work made it that much harder for her to support them. There was no leeway for the inspector. He had no discretion but to enforce the law and while he felt sympathy for the woman and if left to himself would take no notice of the case Deputy Mencke had always felt that there was nothing for him to do but perform what might be an unpleasant duty.

He called attention to the fact that it was the duty of the inspector to be positive so far as possible that the children over 16 years of age were what they really pretended to be. Small and sickly appearing children may excite the suspicion of the inspector and in that case nothing but the certificate from the superintendent of schools will satisfy. A notorial certificate will not suffice. The school certificate is the only thing that will satisfy the demands of the law. That is one of the troublesome features and the thing that the inspectors encounter quite often.

The law requires that there shall be hung up a time table giving information as to the length of hours that children are permitted to work and the failure to have this and is the thing above all others the employers most often forget. Prosecutions are not made however for that oversight. A warning is sufficient.

FARMERS FORCED TO STAY AT HOME

Country Roads Said to Have Never Been Worse Than Now

A farmer living west of ... was in the city yesterday says the interurban out his way is a godsend and that he does not see how they ever got along without it before. It enables him to get to town just whenever he pleases whereas otherwise the roads are so bad that it would be impossible for him to drive. He says he has a brother living four miles north of his place who has not seen a town for more than six weeks and that he and his family are living on the bare necessities of life rather than attempt to drive over these roads or even to go horseback. People living within a mile of the interurban these days he said can consider themselves the luckiest farmers in the world. The telephone and the interurban are the greatest things of the age for the country people.

Stick to "Hum"

People living in the city he continued understand only in a general way something of the conditions of the country roads. This knowledge has come to them through items in the newspapers and by the general appearance of the unpaved streets in the city but it is only a faint idea of the actual state of the highways in the country that they get from these. For the past two or three weeks only the direst needs have induced farmers living even within a mile of the interurban to struggle to the local stops of the cars so they could get into town to supply their wants. I have heard of two or three farmers out in our neighborhood who actually become mired down in the mud with empty wagons and being unable to extricate their outfit were finally compelled to unhitch their horses and leave the vehicle stuck fast and deep in the mud until warm weather dries up the ground. This seems a broad statement to those who know little of the actual condition of the country road, but it is a fact nevertheless.

The Rural Carriers

The rural carriers also tell harrowing tales of struggling day after day through mud and water up to their horses bodies and being able to get over only a portion of their route each day. It is doubtful if the roads in years past were ever any worse than at present and with the heavy snow on them now and in course of thawing they are going to be even worse.

TURN IN THEIR BOOKS

Five Collectors Make Report to the County Treasurer.

More of the books of the outside collectors were turned over to the county treasurer Wednesday. The collectors from Long Creek, South Macon, Pleasant View, South Wheatland and Mt. Zion are due today with their books.

Collector Taylor of Decatur township will keep his office open until next Saturday night and then he will close for good. It will take him about two weeks to get the books ready for the treasurer.

The following are the collectors who turned over their books Wednesday and the figures from each of the books:

Hickory Point—J. J. Gleason Collector	
Charged	$13 475 66
Delinquent	55 15
Collected	13 420 51
Commission	268 41
Illini—H. H. Albert, Collector	
Charged	$13 278 63
Delinquent	914 57
Collected	12 364 06
Commission	247 28
Maroa—E. P. Bowden, Collector.	
Charged	$24 911 00
Delinquent	891 43
Collected	24 019 57
Commission	480 39
Whitmore—Elmer Allen, Collector	
Charged	$11 156 68
Delinquent	232 99
Collected	10 923 69
Commission	218 47
Friends Creek—Harry Parr, Collector	
Charged	$21 340 42
Delinquent	850 32
Collected	20 490 10
Commission	409 80

DEEDS RECORDED

Joseph Stearns to James T. Whitley quit claim to the s½ of the ne¼ of the se¼ of 31 also the w½ of the nw¼ of the ne¼ of the sw¼ and the s½ of the ne¼ of the nw¼ all in 33 also the sw¼ of the nw¼ of 21 all in 1-3, east $2 500

Frank H. Eckert to William Eckert quit claim to the s½ of the nw¼ of the ew¼ of 9-16 2 east $1

Matilda J. Turned to Amos Stern lot 12 in block 15 of Carver's addition to Decatur $1 600

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Rankin	Wapella	24
Callie Chandoin	Wapella	19

A Supposition

Suppose said the wise orator—
though tis a thought stupendous
Suppose a baby one year old with
arm sof the tremendous
Length of ... thirty-three odd million
miles
Should in a freak of fun
That child would be
253
Years old
Before it learned
Its hand was burned —Liverpool Post

Torture by Savages.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys" says W. M. Sherman of Cushing Me. "Nothing helped me until I tried Electric Bitters three bottles of which completely cured me." Cures liver complaint, dyspepsia, blood disorders and malaria and restores the weak and nervous to robust health. Guaranteed by J. E. King Kion and C. H. Walters, druggists. Price 50c.

DEATHS.

Lanham.

Mrs. Arminda Lanham wife of J. H. Lanham died at the family residence 1026 North Water street Wednesday morning at 8 30 o'clock. The cause of death was measles. Mrs. Lanham was 43 years ... months and 3 days old. She was born in Indiana but has lived in Illinois for the past 33 years.

Besides her husband Mrs. Lanham is survived by five children.

The body will be taken to Riverton this morning at 11 20 o'clock and the funeral will be held in that place Friday.

His Way of Finding Out

Cerro Gordo Ill. March 14—Being only a boy of 1a and being much interested in farming I thought I would perform an experiment that I thought might be of some interest to some of the readers of The Herald. To see how much water fell Sunday I found a place where the snow fell on a level. I turned a bucket over it and pushed it firmly down to the ground cleared off all of the snow away from around the bucket and then took up the bucket with the snow in and melted it. The depth of the water in the bucket was one and one eighth inches.

J. HARVEY COX

Tries to Kiss Actress.

Paris Ill. March 14—While Dorothy Woodruff leading woman in the Woodruff repertoire company was returning from the show last night a man ran from behind and grasped her in his arms to kiss her. Her screams brought aid and the assailant fled. He is still at large.

Facing An Uphill Task

Miss Ascum—Is Freddy Fathead working for a living?

Miss Trillion—Oh my yes. The poor boy has been trying for six months to gain papa's consent.

Only As a Last Resource.

Kansas City Times. Luck is a good enough thing to trust to after you've done everything else to invite success.

FAST MAIL WAS WRECKED

Wabash Train Hit String of Empty Coal Cars at Mt. Olive.

NONE BADLY INJURED

Engineer Zink and Fireman Koeppe Were Lucky.

At Mt. Olive Wednesday morning Wabash train No. 6 the fast mail train ran into a string of empty coal cars.

ENGINEER BOB ZINK

Four of these cars were destroyed and several other cars were slightly damaged. Engineer Robert Zink and Fireman Henry Koeppe jumped and escaped with slight injuries. Their escape seems little short of miraculous.

There is a double track at the place where the accident occurred and the trouble was due to a string of cars being pushed through the cut off or connecting link between the two main tracks from the south bound main to the north bound main. There is not yet a certainty how it happened.

Cause In Doubt.

One statement is that the freight crew had used the cut off and the man detailed for that work had forgotten to close the switch and the other is that the freight crew had pushed some cars from the north bound to the south bound track without throwing the switch and thus had bent the switch points so that when they tried a few moments later to push a string of empty cars north the wheels of those cars encountered the bent points and ran through the cut off to the north bound main.

At any rate these empty cars going north arrived at the cross over point on the north bound main track just at the moment that the passenger train arrived there going in the same direction. These empty coal cars were on the fireman's side.

Both Jump.

He first saw them and jumped crossing over to the engineer's side to leave the engine. The next second the engineer was getting out of the way.

Fireman Koeppe said: "I happened to look out and saw the cars when we were almost upon them. It seemed to me that we were not more than two car lengths away. I don't know how far it was but it was close. Just as I got to the gangway on the engineer's side he put it all on and I knew that he had seen them. I didn't have time to think of how I should jump. The only thing I thought of was to get off and do it as quickly as possible. I just jumped. We were a little late and Zink was hitting them hard. The accident was at the southern limits just about the place where he would shut off steam if we had had any intention of stopping at the depot, but we make no stop on No 6 until we get to Litchfield. I can't tell how I landed but I got most of the force on my left shoulder. The fall made me unconscious. How long I was that way I don't know. They were carrying me into the coach when I came to. The doctor down there gave me some liniment to put on my shoulder and when I got home Dr. Parrish found that my shoulder was dislocated."

Engine Derailed.

The passenger engine No. 603 was derailed and a dead head baggage and dead head mail car next the engine left the rails. The other cars were scratched but not so badly damaged. Four of the coal cars were broken to kindling wood and in the official accident reports were listed as being destroyed.

Zink's Foot Caught.

There were few passengers on that train and those who were there suffered nothing more than a severe shaking up when Engineer Zink put on the air. He was a bit slow about getting off of the engine but that was not a matter of choice. To shut off the steam and put on the air required only the fraction of a second but when he started to swing out of his seat to get down he found that his foot had caught in the reverse lever and he thought that he was gone. Just then the water glass burst and it flashed through his mind that he was to be scalded to death. He gave a jerk and freed his foot and the next instant went out of the cab faster than he ever went into one. He suffers with a number of bruises and a wrenched ankle but his injuries are not in the least serious.

Local News Notes

Many Sledding Parties—Sledding parties have been the crowning form of amusement among the young people since Sunday's snow. And not a few of the older ones find it great fun to get out and take in the city in a bob sled. The streets were never better for this.

Will Defend Alice Green—Attorney James T. Whitley went to Monticello yesterday to confer with Alice Green, the woman who is in jail there on a charge of forging the name of Miss Ida Wagoner of Cerro Gordo to a check for $600 a few weeks ago. Attorney Whitley will have charge of her side of the case.

New Chief Operator—Miss Pearl Hill of Taylorville is the new chief operator at the Central Union Telephone exchange. Miss Elizabeth Morgan of Springfield had resigned the position because of her recent illness. She hoped to be able to return to Decatur but her physician advised her to give up the work.

Notices Ready—City Clerk Al Leach has ready for mailing the notices of the action of the board of local improvements regarding the paving of N Church street from Pugh street to the Illinois Central. Six inches of concrete one and a half inch binder and two inches of asphalt will constitute the paving. The property owners will get the notices today or tomorrow.

Broke His Arm—Harry Crabb son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crabb 1123 North Edward street fell and broke his arm while attempting to catch some pigeons in the barn at the rear of the residence. Dr. J. J. Brown was called and dressed the injury.

New Home—F. ... Hill of Mechanicsburg was in the city yesterday consulting some of the Decatur contractors and getting bids for a new and handsome residence which he intends building there in the spring. He expects to put $ ..00 or $5 000 into his new home.

Reopens Store—J. Yohe has opened up his jewelry store for business although the improvements are not yet complete. He thinks it will be a month yet before he gets in his new fixtures in shape. The fixtures will all be solid walnut and will give the place an excellent appearance. He will have a formal opening of the store as soon as everything is in shape.

At the Hospital—W. R. Turpin of Turpin Station is in Decatur this week staying at St. Mary's hospital with his brother Oliver Turpin. At the hospital on Monday Oliver Turpin submitted to an operation for relief from a growth on his feet. Yesterday the sick man was reported to be resting comfortably.

Paint Shop—Charles Becker and Ben Hart have fitted up the room back of Bachman Bros & Martin's furniture store at 135 East North street and opened a paint shop. The firm name will be Becker & Hart.

MRS. STOKES WAS FINED

Cost Her $25 For Throwing Carbolic Acid in Jordan's Face.

Mrs. Anna Stokes was on trial in the county court Wednesday on a charge of assaulting her husband. She threw carbolic acid in his face and it got in one eye.

Stokes claimed that his wife fussed with him because he would not give her more money. She refused to cook his supper and Stokes lighted the gasoline stove and started to cook a beefsteak. Mrs. Stokes poured carbolic acid on the meat and when Jordan started after her she threw the rest of the acid in his face. Mrs. Stokes claimed that she did not throw the acid until Stokes had broken the skillet over her head.

The judge fined the woman $25 and costs. She went to jail and later some of the woman's friends made arrangements and replevined the fine and she was released.

A Lively Tussle

With that old enemy of the race constipation often ends in appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with stomach liver and bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs without pain or discomfort. 25 cents at J. E. King's Kiones and C. H. Walters drug stores.

WILLIAMS BROS WILL CONTINUE

Receiver Wilson Will Run the Store for the Present

An order was received from the federal court at Springfield Wednesday regarding the petition in bankruptcy of the Williams Bros store. The order was that the place be kept open and conducted as a retail store by the trustee H. Clay Wilson.

It is expected that Mr. Wilson will be here from Springfield today. For the present the store will go on just the same as before excepting that the trustee will be in charge.

GETTING THEIR RUBBERS.

The Stock At Police Headquarters Gradually Lessening.

The stock of rubber overshoes at police headquarters which was taken from a house where they were stored by thieves, is gradually diminishing. Every day or so some one identifies their rubbers in the collection and the number of pairs on hand is gradually getting smaller.

MARRIED

Rankin Chandoin.

Charles Rankin and Callie Chandoin both of Wapella were married by Judge O. W. Smith Wednesday at the county court room.

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TERRY WAS ALMOST GONE

The Battling Dane Could Have Finished Him in Another Round.

[illegible] March 14. Battling Nelson [illegible] decided advantage [illegible] McGovern in their six-round [illegible] tonight. For the first [illegible] fight was a disap[illegible]. There were scarcely [illegible] blows struck [illegible] one end of the ring to the [illegible] the referee powerless to [illegible]. At the beginning of [illegible] round the men began to [illegible] they meant business, [illegible] close of the fifth McGov[illegible] his corner in distress. [illegible] sixth Nelson [illegible] as he [illegible] with his opponent and it is [illegible] McGovern could have stood [illegible] for another round. Nel[illegible] the decision but as no decisions are rendered when both men [illegible] the fight is classed [illegible].

Enter the Ring.

[illegible] the ring at 10:05. His seconds were Eugene McGovern, [illegible] John Hurlick, Samuel [illegible].

[illegible] about the same [illegible] by his seconds, "Kid" [illegible] Eddie Kelly, John Loftus [illegible] given an ovation. [illegible] were com[illegible] the cen[illegible].

Hisses From the Crowd.

Round 1. Nelson [illegible] left and [illegible] was twenty sec[illegible]. The crowd [illegible] Nelson [illegible] left for [illegible] McGovern for [illegible].

More Clinching.

Round 2. McGovern missed left for [illegible] began to wrestle [illegible] to the head. They [illegible] McGovern drove a right [illegible] Nelson, who [illegible] his shoulder. [illegible] straight left and again [illegible] were still clinched [illegible] hisses from [illegible].

Terry Gets Busy.

Round 3. McGovern tried a left to [illegible] blocked. They [illegible]. The referee could not get [illegible] Nelson drove two left [illegible] face. Another clinch. McGov[illegible] to the jaw and missed [illegible] right. McGovern uppercut with [illegible] and sent a right to the jaw. Nelson sent a left to the head and [illegible]. Nelson sent [illegible] to the face and the men [illegible] at the gong.

McGovern Weakens.

Round 4. McGovern swung wild [illegible] but drove a left to the [illegible] Nelson sent a left to the face. [illegible] wrestled across the [illegible] Nelson pounded McGovern's [illegible] clinch. Nelson sent a [illegible] left to the face. McGovern miss[illegible] for the jaw. Nelson was [illegible] stronger. McGovern weaken[illegible]. Nelson sent a left and right to [illegible] McGovern was weak as he [illegible] his corner.

Bat Gets in a Punch.

Round 5. McGovern sent a left to the [illegible] Nelson countered with a left [illegible] sent a right left to [illegible] stomach. McGovern rushed to [illegible] refused to break when or[illegible] by the referee. McGovern sent [illegible] to the face. When they [illegible] Nelson drove a terrific right to [illegible] which made Mac wobbly [illegible] clinched again as they broke away [illegible].

Terry All But Out.

Round 6. Nelson missed a right [illegible] and they clinched. McGovern [illegible] right for the wind and sent [illegible] to the wind. Nelson [illegible] to the face and missed [illegible] right to McGovern's chin. Nelson drove Mac into a neutral cor[illegible] hard blows on his [illegible]. McGovern was almost out when [illegible] sounded. It was Nelson's [illegible].

INTEREST IN FIGHT

Local Money Generally Placed On Battling Nelson.

[illegible] was a good deal of local in[illegible] prize fight and some bet[illegible] Nelson was to get the [illegible] Nelson men were [illegible] would win in [illegible] round or sooner.

[illegible] spite of the bad weather there [illegible] crowds in places where the re[illegible] were received.

ROOSEVELT ASKS AGAIN

Judge Parker Says He Will Ask For Another Term.

[illegible]gham, Ala., March 14.—Alton [illegible] Parker in an interview today ex[illegible] his firm conviction that Roose[illegible] ask the nomination for an[illegible] term of the presidency.

While this would probably be dis[illegible] if it was reported in Washing[illegible] other portions of the east," [illegible] Parker, "in my own mind I am [illegible] this is the intention of the [illegible] in spite of the fact that his [illegible] in 1904 was assured, the [illegible] he made a statement that un[illegible] condition would be again be a [illegible]. I believe Roosevelt has in[illegible] all along to again ask for the nomination."

BIG SNOW BUT LITTLE WATER

Takes About Ten Inches of Beautiful to Make One of Water.

THE BLIZZARD HIT US

Great Cakes of Ice Are Forming.

Last night brought about the near[illegible] thing to real winter weather that has been experienced so far this sea[illegible]. It was a regular blizzard on a small scale and it cleared the streets of people.

Last Sunday ten inches of snow fell, Monday night there was three inches more and last night up to 8:30 o'clock two inches more of snow came down. This made a total of about fifteen inches in the four days which is a record breaker for that length of time, at least for this time of year. It takes about ten inches of snow, says Prof. Coonradt, to make one inch of water, so there was really not so much water to it.

There was a high wind with the snow last night and it made very disagree[illegible] weather. Scarcely anyone was on the streets unless it was necessary for them to be out. The snow filled the street car tracks and the cars had a good deal of trouble getting around. The big sweeper was out but the wind blew the snow back over the tracks about as fast as it could be swept away.

Large Icicles.

If ever the tin roofs were given a test as to their durability and strength they are getting it these days during the thaw. There are many such roofs as those which have not been touched with a view toward getting the snow off and as there are tufts on some of them three and four feet high it will be a long time before they are entirely free from the water.

This is likewise a great time for icicles and the large chunks that are ac[illegible] of the business district are apt to cause some great excitement if they are not watched closely and broken down before they fall without any warning and do some damage. One big mass of ice in particular is at the northwest corner of the Masonic building. It reaches from the top of the spout over half way to the ground and at the top is over a foot in diameter. Yesterday some one was making an effort to knock it down by using a long rod from one of the windows, but could not get enough force in his blows to do the trick. Boards have been put up at the north side of the show window in the Otten[illegible] store to guard against it crash[illegible] through the glass when it fell. Another big mass of ice is at the northeast corner of the Chenoweth block just inside the alley, and there is another hanging from the brick and awning between the Indianapolis Cafe and Glossner's candy store on East Prairie street. There are dozens of others, too, and an effort will probably be made today to dislodge them before they get a chance to do any damage. At the southeast corner of "Cheap Charley's" just inside the alley, is a spout which lays them all in the shade when it comes to producing big icicles. Mr. Rohrbach has prepared for it, however, by putting a steam pipe inside the spout and when the ice starts to form he turns on the steam and it does the rest.

Dr. S. J. Bumstead has quite a curiosity in the shape of a large icicle at his home, 288 West Eldorado street. The icicle measures about ten feet in length, and is a foot in diameter. It hangs from the eaves of the house, and extends to the porch below.

Parties.

Mrs. Lottie Ryler gave a stag party at her home on East William street last night in honor of her father, Thomas Arnett. There were eight gentlemen present, and after having done justice to an excellent four course dinner they spent the evening smoking, playing games and discussing the topics of the day.

Miss Morion Crabb entertained a few friends with an indoor picnic at her home, 1123 North Edward street, Wednesday evening. Following the supper the remainder of the evening was devoted to cards and other amusements.

STANDARD OIL AND RAILROADS

Kansas Interstate Commerce Commission After Them.

Kansas City, Mo., March 14.—The interstate commerce commission today completed its investigations here into the methods of the Standard Oil company and railroads in dealing with independent oil producers of Kansas. The commission will probably resume the investigation in Washington and may summon before it the presidents of railroads and coal companies. These [illegible] may be ordered to show their com[illegible] records and to show stock and [illegible] ownership of all affiliated coal companies and [illegible] interests and methods by which transportation departments of different railroads prevent other coal companies from operating in Kansas.

TWO NEW BILLS BEFORE HOUSE

One Introduced Yesterday, The Other Coming Today.

Washington, March 14.—Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, will introduce tomorrow a bill empowering the house committee on election of president, vice president and congressmen to summon and swear witnesses in the investigation of expenditures in the last three presidential campaigns. This investigation is provided for in a bill introduced by Cockran, of New York.

Representative Hearst of New York introduced a bill today prohibiting secret rebates, discriminations and concessions, and providing imprisonment one to ten years as punishment for giving or receiving such concessions or rebates.

DEATH.

Mrs. J. W. Boggess has received a message from Fair Mount, W. Va., telling of the death of her father, Rev. Isaac Nay in that city.

STORMY TIME EXPECTED

At the Miners' Convention Which Meets at Indianapolis Today.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 14.—Predictions of a stormy convention of the United Mine Workers of America, beginning tomorrow, bid fair to be verified. From the talk of delegates there will be decided opposition toward repealing the "Ryan resolution." This is the most important matter to come before the convention and there is reason to believe the decision will not be reached for several days. Secretary Ryan, of Illinois, said tonight while in company with President Mitchell, that there is no foundation for the report that a plan had been arranged for disposing of this resolution. This plan was said to include a request by Ryan for permission of the convention to withdraw the resolution.

It is intimated that both Ryan and Mitchell will oppose the repeal of the resolution so long as there is a possibility of reaching a fair settlement with it in force.

PLOT TO KILL DR. PARKHURST

Brought to Light by District Attorney Jerome in New York.

POLICEMEN IN THE SCHEME

Sum of $500 Offered For the Work But Plan Fell Through.

New York, March 14.—An alleged plot to assassinate Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, following the recent municipal election in this city, inspired, it is asserted, by a police official and in revenge for raids made on certain places by agents of the society for the prevention of crime, known also as Parkhurst society, was revealed today when District Attorney Jerome summoned in the John Doe proceedings acting Captain John H. Speis of the West One Hundredth street police station, John Phelan, plain clothed policeman, and two civilians, Richard Wilson and L. Rogers.

Rogers, one of the witnesses, and a man named Kelly were employed during the last campaign by the citizens union. A few days after the election Rogers told Kelley, it is alleged, of a plot to murder Parkhurst. According to statements already made, Rogers said he was approached by a policeman and asked if he would take the task of killing Parkhurst. It is declared the policeman said a police official would pay $500 for the work and Rogers asked Kelly if he was willing to go into the scheme taking for his part $200, while he (Rogers) would get the remainder of the sum.

It is further alleged Rogers saw this police official and talked the matter over with him at length, but finally came to the conclusion he could not resort to murder.

Crowd at M. W. A. Meeting.

Thirty-five persons from La Place, and a few from Bloomington, Springfield and Argenta, attended the regular meeting of Easterly Camp, No. 1626 of the Modern Woodmen, which was held last night. Fifteen candidates were initiated into the lodge, and eighteen applications for membership were received. Following the meeting the remainder of the evening was devoted to a smoker.

EARLY FIRE AT SCOTT STEWARTS

Department Called to West Main at 2 a. m.

A fire alarm was turned in this morning at 2 o'clock from 119 West Main street. The crews from fire-houses Nos. 1 and 2 responded. A piece of burning coal had popped out of the grate and set fire to the floor of a room on the first floor. The blaze was extinguished by the chemical from No. 1.

An hour before, the department was called to the C. B. & Q. by a false alarm.

False Alarm.

A fire alarm was turned in last night from box No. 52, which is located near the C. B. and Q. shops. The wagons from all three houses answered the alarm, which proved to be a false one. The run was a long one and the men did not say many complimentary things about the person who turned [illegible].

DELEGATES CALL ON PRESIDENT

Consular Convention Receives Encouragement From Him.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Delegates to the consular convention called on President Roosevelt this afternoon. The president addressed them briefly, commending their organization as one of the most likely to bring about better conditions in consul service. He spoke of the importance of consular service to the business interests of the country, assured the delegates he was in full sympathy with the objects of their organization, and declared himself in favor of better salaries for consuls in order that a higher class of men may be induced to enter the service.

Wabash Notes.

Frank Krutz, day operator at the Wabash "H" office, is on the sick list. The night operator E. Dotson, is filling his place, and the night trick is being taken by E. H. Moore, of the East St. Louis yard office.

Night Stationmaster C. T. Kirkman has resumed his duties at the Wabash station, after an absence of five days on account of the death of his sister.

SLED STRUCK BY TRAIN

Champaign Crowd Narrowly Averts Having Serious Accident.

What might have been a serious accident, but which happily did not result in a great deal of damage, occurred last night near a small station named Staley, which is located a few miles this side of Champaign, Ill.

A bobsled party of six couples, were on their way to the home of a friend about eight miles from Champaign and it was while crossing the Illinois Central tracks near Staley, that the runners of the sled were caught between the tracks, so that they could not be drawn out by the horses. The snow was so blinding that none of the party could see the train which was approaching, until it was almost upon them. Then one of the party called to the others to jump. Everybody escaped without injury, but it came near being fatal for one young lady, who is rather heavy set and had some difficulty, in making her way from the sled. Had it not been for two of her gentlemen friends, who caught her by the arms and dragged her from the sled just a second before the train hit it the result would have been fatal.

Neither of the horses were injured in the least, and they were taken back to Champaign by the two drivers.

The members of the party not wishing to wait in the cold until another conveyance could be found to take them home, decided to accept the invitation of the conductor, to get on the train and go on to Monticello which they did. When they arrived in Monticello they telephoned to their folks and assured them that they were safe and sound. None of the names of the party could be learned. The train was in charge of Conductor Gossett and arrived in Decatur at 11 o'clock, just about fifty minutes late.

SECOND DAY OF DEBATE

In the Senate on Railroad Rates Brings Out Little of Importance.

Washington, March 14.—The second day of the general debate on the legislative bill developed a limited discussion of the retirement of aged clerks, interspersed with a speech on the statehood bill by Babcock of Wisconsin, one on restriction of immigration by Gardner of Massachusetts, and the presentation of reasons why jurisdiction of federal courts should be restricted in certain cases where the jurisdiction was acquired because of citizenship of litigants being in different states, by Garrett of Tennessee.

The railroad rate bill today reached a controversial stage in the senate. Questions came up in regular order of business shortly before 2 o'clock and held the floor until the doors were closed for a brief executive session a few minutes after 5.

Rayner was the chief speaker of the day and the debate that took place was provoked by some of his utterances. Among the senators who were attacked by him were Foraker, Lodge and Dolliver. Both the Ohio senator and Massachusetts senator took exception to Rayner's contention that railroads have interfered in the framing of the bill and Foraker also expressed himself as dissatisfied with the intimation that railroads are represented on the floor of the senate.

Dolliver expressed displeasure with the plea for amendments and went so far as to say that the help of such friends as Rayner could very well be dispensed with. Other senators who participated in the debate were Aldrich, Tillman and Knox.

Knox freely expressed his opinion that the bill would be unconstitutional without the provision for a review of the commission's findings by the court and Aldrich stated his belief that he and Rayner were not greatly at variance in their views. He declined, however, to agree to accept amendments which were outlined by the Maryland senator. Tillman reiterated his objection to the bill and indulged in some characteristic phrases in stating his position, concluding with the remark that he believed the bill could be so amended as to make it acceptable.

The argument of Rayner was directed in favor of the general proposition that congress has a right to fix rates, but that the bill should be so amended as to dispense with the suspension provision. He also advocated other amendments.

CAME NEAR BEING FATAL

Chicago Street Car Plunges Over a Bridge Abutment.

Chicago, March 14.—A crowded electric car on North avenue ran over the abutment of the temporary bridge over a branch of the Chicago river tonight and a serious accident was averted only by the presence of mind of the bridge tender.

The bridge which was swinging open was turned back so that the car instead of plunging into the river, which is twenty-two feet deep at that point, struck a scow which supports the bridge. The rear wheels remained on the track while the front of the car rested on the scow, fifteen feet below the street level. Passenger were piled up against the front door of the car and in the struggle to scape, several were injured, one, Mrs. Elizabeth Bluehm, 61 years old, may be fatally injured. She had recently undergone an operation and the shock caused the wound to reopen.

New Lodge Organized.

A meeting of the local order of Redmen was held last night in the hall on South Water street, for the purpose of organizing a new lodge. A degree team from Bloomington was present and helped to exemplify the work. The meeting was still in session at 2 o'clock this morning.

History Man Dead.

New York, March 14.—John Jacob Anderson, author of Anderson's school histories, is dead, aged 85.

GENERAL WOOD WAS JUSTIFIED

Killing of Moro Women And Children Could Not Be Helped.

PRESIDENT UPHOLDS HIM

Women Wore Men's Clothes and Children Were Used As Shields.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—A cablegram from General Wood regarding criticisms of the recent battle of Mount Dajo on the Island of Jolo, together with correspondence between the president and Secretary Taft on the subject, was made public today. Wood's cablegram was in answer to one sent to him at the direction of Secretary Taft, who called attention to criticisms of the slaughter of Moros, and asked him to send all the particulars. Wood's reply denies there was any wanton slaughter, and says a considerable number of women and children were killed in the fight because they were actually in the works when assaulted; the Moro women wore trousers and that children were used as shields. Reply was sent by Secretary Taft to the president, with a note in which Secretary Taft says Wood seems to him to show most clearly that the unfortunate loss of life was wholly unavoidable, to which the president replied that Wood's answer "is, of course, entirely satisfactory."

General Wood's dispatch is as follows:

"In answer to the secretary of war's request for information March 12, I was present through practically the entire action and inspected the top of the crater after action was finished. I am convinced that no man, woman or child was wantonly killed. A considerable number of women and children were killed in the fight, number unknown, for reason that they were actually in the works when assaulted, and were unavoidably killed in the fierce hand to hand fighting which took place in the narrow enclosed spaces. Moro women wore trousers and were dressed and armed much like the men, and charged with them. Children were in many cases used by men as shields while charging troops. These incidents are much to be regretted, but it must be understood that the Moros, one and all, were fighting, not only as enemies, but religious fanatics, believing paradise to be their immediate reward if killed in action with christians. They apparently desired that none be saved. Some of our men, one a hospital steward, were cut up while giving assistance to wounded Moros by the wounded, and by those feigning death, for the purpose of getting this vengeance. I personally ordered that assistance be given the wounded Moros and that food and water should be sent with medical attendance. In addition, friendly Moros were at once directed to proceed to the mountain for this purpose.

"I do not believe that in this or any other fight any American soldier wantonly killed a Moro woman or child, except unavoidably in close action. This action was most desperate and it was impossible for men fighting literally for their lives in close quarters to distinguish who would be injured by fire. In all actions against the Moros we have begged Moros again and again to fight us as men and keep women and children out of it. I assume the entire responsibility for the action of the troops in every particular and if any evidence develops in any way bearing on the charges I will act at once."

LARGEST IN CITY

Decatur Electric Laundry Gets Two Large Machines.

The Decatur Electric Laundry on North Broadway has received the largest mangle in the city, as well as the largest washer. The company will be ready for business in about two weeks. The new mangle is capable of turning out 360 towels in two minutes. It will be possible by bringing laundry in at 7 o'clock to return it by 11 the same morning. J. Boone and W. Abraham are the proprietors.

AS A GROCER

Tom Hoskins Will Engage In Business With Uncle.

Tom Hoskins will go in the grocery business with his uncle, Ash Hoskins. They have bought from the National Grocery company the stock of goods formerly owned by Myers & Umbarger in the Syndicate block on North Main street. They will buy more new goods and expect to be open ready for business next Monday.

If Not Now, When?

You have been suffering for years from some chronic trouble that has kept you irritable, weak and nervous all the time; you have tried time and again to make yourself think that in time it would leave you and you would be well again; you have, no doubt, tried home remedies, patent medicines, mail treatment, etc., but you are not well. Are you going to let it run on? If you can't have it cured now, when can you? Dr. Appleman is a tried specialist in this line, and you should see him. You can depend upon getting an honest opinion of your condition. He will be at Brunswick Hotel, Decatur, Monday, March 19, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

SECRET SOCIETIES

Loyal American Lodge No. 517 held a meeting last night and elected James S. Baldwin, 712 Millikin building. Mr. Baldwin will take the place of the late Dr. J. M. Blythe. The team was reorganized under the leadership of L. P. Dayton.

Immediate Rupture.

London, March 14.—According to the Mail's correspondent at Algeciras, an immediate rupture of the conference is within the range of possibilities.

Must Do It Over—The Mills Lumber company set several men with teams at clearing their driveways of snow yesterday. From appearances this morning they will have their work to do over again today.

COST OF KEEPING THE PAUPERS

For the Past Quarter Is Shown to Be $1158.61.

REPORTS ARE MADE

Board on County Clerk And Sheriff's Offices.

Routine business was transacted by the board of supervisors Wednesday. It was asked that steps be taken to prevent the Decatur Railway and Light company from emptying tar and other refuse into the river. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee to report at this session.

The county mine inspector reported that he had put in twenty days examining the mines and found everything all right.

The Rock Pile.

Sheriff Thrift reported that he had received $62.98 for the sale of stone broken at the rockpile and that there were out several bills which had not yet been paid.

Supervisor Brett, the committee of one on the poor farm, reported everything in good condition at the farm. The live stock was all right he said excepting the hogs and recommended that some new stock be purchased. The steward of the poor farm reported that there had been received five inmates and four were discharged. There are now 34 inmates at the place. The sale of products during the past year amounted to $962.78.

Expense of Poor.

Overseer of the Poor Roberts exported expenditures as follows:

Groceries	$960.00
Coal	405.00
Shoes	19.50
Transportation	21.76
Burying	77.00
Total	$1213.26

Of this amount $8.75 worth of orders were cancelled and $45 of the expense was on account of smallpox patients so the actual cost of the paupers was $1158.61.

The overseer further reported that there were dependent upon the county twelve old ladies 70 years or older, nine couples over 80 years of age and 26 widows with about 120 children, making 176 who are partially or wholly dependent upon the county.

County Clerk's Office.

The committee which checked up the office of County Clerk J. M. Dodd reported that the accounts were found correct and the methods employed in the office were found to the satisfactory and up to date. The figures were as follows for the fiscal year:

Earning for year	$13,184.87
Receipts	12,618.17
Expenditures	6,547.73
Balance due county	6,070.44

The balance due has been turned over to the county treasurer.

Afternoon Session.

In the afternoon a committee reported that the cost of the Glosser bridge in Hickory Point township was $877.70. The county's share is $438.85 and this was paid.

The checking committee reported the following figures regarding the sheriff's office:

Earnings of the year	$6,185.33
Receipts	3,298.64
Expenditures	2,102.80
Balance due county	1,195.84

Supervisor Cooper reported that Dr. C. M. Wood had presented a bill for $10 for consultation in a pauper case and that he had not been authorized by any one to do the work. The matter was referred back to Mr. Cooper.

The board adjourned until this morning.

O. E. S. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

Starts This Morning at 10 o'clock at Masonic Temple.

The Eastern Star school of instruction will begin today at 10 o'clock. There will be another session at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and still another at 8 o'clock at night. Following the evening session a social will be given. There will be delegates from many of the surrounding towns in to attend the school. It will be conducted by Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Henrietta B. McGrath, of Blue Island, and Grand Lecturer Lottie J. Wiley, of Chicago, who arrived in the city last night from Macon, where they conducted a similar school yesterday.

PRIMARIES.

Wheatland Republicans.

South Wheatland republicans will meet at Elwin Friday at 2 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a township ticket. By order of Jacob Hill, chairman.

Oakley Republicans.

The republicans of Oakley township will meet at Pobst's hall on Monday, March 19, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a full township ticket.

LARGE CROWD AT BANQUET

Two Hundred and Fifty Guests Around the Festive Board.

Washington, March 14.—Two hundred and fifty persons, a number of them prominent in public life, attended a dinner tonight given in behalf of the forward movement of the George Washington University by the trustees and alumni of that institution. Among those who made addresses were Charles W. Needham, president of the university; Andrew D. White, formerly ambassador to Germany; M. Jusserand, French ambassador; Prof. Richard T. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin spoke upon opportunities in Washington for a school of politics.

School Report.

The report of the attendance in the public schools for the month of February is as follows:

	Feb. 1906.	Feb. 1905.	Jan. 1906.
Total original enrollment	4829	4466	....
Average No. belonging	3977	2837	3929
Average attendance	3711	2537	3671
Per cent of attendance	93.3	92.1	93.4
Tardinesses	380	472	275
Neither absent nor tardy	1805	1456	1872

Extra! Extra!

LAST CALL!

ARCADE STORE

DECATUR, - - - ILLINOIS

The balance of the $40,000 stock of the Arcade Store will be sold for 27c on the dollar. Clothing, Shoes and Furnishings for Ladies, Men, Boys and Children.

Another slaughter of values for the people. Another tremendous bargain event for the people. The Arcade Store Sale will continue for ten more days. Another big Mark Down Less than Before.

The greatest sale of values on earth will be distributed in the homes of the people, and the balance of the stock will be sold for less than the actual cost of raw material. The greatest sale ever attempted—even greater than our previous sale. The pick of the stock is still to be had and below we quote you a few of the many bargains to be offered. Regular retail dealers CAN NOT, DARE NOT, compete with us. Use the good common sense with which nature has endowed you. Come and see for yourself.

Fine suit of Men's Clothes, all to match **$2.98**

This is positively worth $10 or your money refunded at any time during this sale.

Men's fine Suits, Cheviot and Scotch Plaids, worth $12 or your money refunded at any time during this sale if you are not satisfied **$4.98**

Men's splendid Suits in Velour Finished Cassimeres, all sizes, this is positively worth $15 or your money back **$5.98**

Silk and Satin Lined Dress Suits, in plain checks and stripes, this is positively worth $16.50 .... **$7.48**

At $9.98 each. You are free to choose a suit or overcoat worth $22.50 to $25 from lots of as finely made and elegantly finished Suits and Overcoats as the most fastidious dresser could desire; fine home and foreign Suitings and Overcoatings of style and tone, and a great variety of effects—tailored in to garments of faultless fashion—Kersey, Melton and Whipcord Overcoats, dark blue, tan, drab, diagonals, cheviot, Vienna homespun, tweed and cassimere suits, single and double breasted **$9.98**

Men's Fine Dress Pants—worth $2.50 or your money refunded **98c**

Men's fine Trousers for Sunday wear, in worsted and fancy stripes. Positively worth $5, $6 and $7, or money refunded **$2.39**

1,000 pairs of Boys' Knee Pants —worth 50c, at **19c**

Splendid Overcoats in medium heavy or light weight **2.98**

This coat is of the finest material and positively worth $10. We allow you to take this coat home and keep it five days and if you don't think it worth $10 or no matter what the cause may be, you may return the same and we hereby bind ourselves to refund the $2.98.

Men's nice, good durable Overcoats, in black and brown for Sunday wear, $5.85, positively worth $15. Men's fine Overcoats in silk and satin linings, olives, tans and dark blue shades, $6.98 worth $18 or your money refunded, no matter what the cause may be. Men's fine Royal Standard Kersey Overcoats in black, blue and brown, positively worth $20, for $7.98. The finest quality of custom tailor made Overcoats and imported Royal Standard Kerseys, in all shades and lined with plush, silk or astrakahn, $12.98 and $14.85, positively worth $30 or your money refunded at any time during the sale.

Thirty distinct effects in boy's ultra fashionable Knee Suits in all the swellest of novelty and staples, worth $8, $10 and $12, all go at **$2.98**

Boys' Suits and Overcoats worth $3, at **98c**

1,000 pairs of Boys' Knee Pants, worth 75c, at **39c**

Men's best quality reinforced unlaundered Shirts worth $1 .... **29c**

Fine Dress Shirts, worth 75c at **38c**

Men's Hats, the latest Dunlap and Knox shapes, worth $3.50 and none less than $2.50 at **98c**

A few hundred Boys' Hats and Caps, worth $1, at **19c**

Men's Fine Embroidered Suspenders, at **6c**

Remember, every garment positively must go. Nothing reserved. No fake.

No humbug. Everything as advertised.

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NEARBY TOWNS

BEARSDALE.

Special Correspondence.

Mrs. Sowers and Grace Bo... visited at Mt. Zion Friday.

The bad roads have caused Mr. Hall, carrier on route No. 1, to miss a part of his route.

The expense of fixing the Woodman hall at Bearsdale will be about $185. The work is finished except some papering.

H. H. Phar's returned Wednesday from his son's at Mt. Zion where he was visiting.

Prairie Center school closed Tuesday on account of bad weather, and the illness of Mrs. J. J. Cross, wife of the teacher. It will commence again next Monday.

W. H. Palmer is on the sick list this week.

H. L. Weltner, of Forsyth, was in our neighborhood Tuesday.

Mr. Sunthorp, who moved onto his farm north of Bearsdale is cutting down and topping out his trees, which greatly improves the looks of the place.

The Boiling Springs Christian Endeavor will give a social at Bearsdale March 23.

MT. ZION.

Special Correspondence.

Mt. Zion, March 15.—An Epworth League was organized here at the M. E. church on Friday evening. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Dr. Edward May; first vice president, S. B. Froman; second vice president, Miss Myrtle May; third vice president, Mrs. Lida Myers; fourth vice president, Foster Bilby; secretary, Miss Emma Moody; treasurer, Miss Sylvia Fisk; organist, Mrs. Lida Myers; assistant organist, Miss Jewel May.

Some of the male members of the league did their first good work, which was highly appreciated by everybody, by turning out Sunday afternoon and shoveling the deep snow from the side walks leading to the Methodist church.

W. L. Riley, who spent a few days in Oklahoma, returned home Monday.

J. E. Davis of Long Creek, visited friends and relatives here this week.

G. C. Gates and wife went to Auburn Monday, to visit Arthur Kessler and family. They returned home Tuesday evening.

W. J. Huff of Decatur, was here Tuesday on business.

The Egg social announced for Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lida ... has been indefinitely postponed on account of the unfavorable weather.

Rev. Sapp, presiding elder, preached a strong sermon at the Methodist church Sunday night. Rev. W. A. Boyd who was to have been present also was prevented by the unfavorable weather.

H. T. Breckenridge of Mattoon, was a business caller on J. C. Boyce Tuesday.

The official board of the Methodist church met in quarterly session and elected the following officers:

Chairman of Board—Frank Gregory.

Secretary—W. R. Black.

Superintendent of Sunday School—Frank Gregory.

Assistant Superintendent—S. B. Froman.

Secretary—Miss Eunice Mundy.

Treasurer—Miss Maggie Kaufman.

Chorister—John W. Pierce.

Mrs. G. W. McCorkey and daughter Helen, of Loami, Ill., visited Mrs. H. L. Saffel, this week.

There are now two cases of whooping cough and about twenty cases of measles in Mt. Zion.

W. B. Hunter went to Paris Tuesday returning Wednesday.

M. L. Henry has received two car loads of brick from Decatur for the foundation of his new dwelling house to be erected this spring.

Dr. C. W. Slater, who spent a few weeks here with his wife and son, has returned to Chicago.

ILLIOPOLIS.

Special Correspondence.

Illiopolis, March 15.—W. T. Garvey, one of our oldest citizens, is at the point of death. He had a stroke of paralysis and has been gradually getting worse since Sunday.

Rev. H. B. Eastering of this place, has bought a house and lot on North College street in Decatur. He does not know yet whether he will rent it or remove his family from this place.

The funeral of James Ingles of this place, occurred at the residence of Mr. Baldrich last Saturday.

Thomas Graham, who has been seriously ill for some time, is able to be out on the streets again.

The new editor who purchased the State Center Record at this place, has moved into the Murrell property.

The W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs. Laura Williams yesterday. They report a good attendance and a pleasant time.

Marion Evers, who has been confined to the house for some time, with diphtheria is about recovered.

Miss Frankie Hart visited friends at Lake City over Sunday.

Dr. I. G. Lufbrock will move from this place to Grove City as soon as the roads get so he can. He is to put up a grocery store at that place.

Will Cartrall, who has been ill for several months with consumption, is no better.

OBITUARY.

Pearl Mattie Noe was born July 27 1890 and passed away March 7 1906. She was born at Mt. Auburn, Ill., and came to her home in Prairietown township when only 9 years old, where she died. She suffered from brain fever and an abcess of her lungs.

She was the only daughter of John and Nancy Noe. She leaves a mother, step-father, brother, two half-sisters, besides many other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. But they mourn not as others for she died in faith.

She was baptized in baptism and united with the Old Stonington Baptist church January 19, 1905. The funeral services took place at her home on March 8, Rev. Burt of Stonington officiating.

The selection of songs sung by the Old Stonington choir were "Nearer My God to Thee," "Asleep in Jesus," "Rock of Ages," and "There Will Be No Dark Valleys when Jesus Comes." The pall bearers were Rufus Schroats, Luther Whitson, Eddie Sexton, Melvin Montgomery and John and Tom Ellison.

The deceased was taken to Illiopolis and interred in the Riverside cemetery. She was 16 years, 7 months and 8 days old.

CLINTON.

Special Correspondence.

Clinton, Ill., March 15.—B. K. Rodgers, a brakeman on the Central, has resumed his position.

Robert Anderson has been employed by the Central as brakeman.

Charles Griffin, formerly manager of the Van Noy news stand in Clinton, has taken charge of the news stand at the union station in Springfield.

J. M. Hull and wife, of Freeport, are visiting relatives in Clinton.

John eBckman, of Kearney, Neb., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Overfield.

Lee Ely, who has been ill for some time with pneumonia, is some better.

Charles Woods and wife, who have been visiting here for a few days, have returned to their home in Lincoln.

Mrs. A. E. Wadsworth, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Longwake.

Miss Josephine Moore, of Champaign, who has been visiting her aunt, has returned home.

Miss Clara Randolph, of La Salle, has returned home after a brief visit with Clinton friends.

H. Morroson and wife have returned to their home in Chicago after a visit with the latter's aunt.

Miss Vandervent, of Farmer City, is visiting Miss Helen Davidson.

Mrs. Charles Butts has gone to Covington, Ky., to see her father who is ill.

Court of Honor No. 1013 initiated another large class Wednesday night. They were assisted by grand officers from Bloomington.

The Racket store conducted by Hull & Walters have sold out to F. M. Samuels & Co.

M. C. Hearn, of Memphis, Tenn., a real estate man, is in our city for a few weeks.

Mrs. F. M. Anger entertained the Lady Maccabees of Hive No. 159 at her home Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. L. O'Brien, of Springfield, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Donegan.

Twenty-five members of the O. E. S. are going to attend a school of instruction in Decatur Thursday night.

Operator J. H. Hamilton is working for Operator A. L. Bowman, who is ill.

Fred Reisch has taken charge of the tea and coffee department in Wood & Ward's grocery.

FORSYTH.

Special Correspondence.

Forsyth, March 15.—Messrs. Mills and Loyd of Decatur are preparing for the Forsyth Sunday school convention to be held here in April.

Mrs. Frank Bainter and wife and children and Mr. Williams and son of Decatur spent Monday with their brother, Al Bainter.

Mr. Yost, wife and children of Decatur spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malott.

The Pollick Brothers of Decatur, were in the village Monday.

Messrs. Earl Dilinger, Berrie Harmon, G. W. Butler and George Melborn were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Miss Edna Benton spent a few days with her cousin, Wayne Hoover at Macon.

Ed Davis of Moweaqua is visiting friends in the village.

Al Bainter is able to set up for a few hours at a time.

Mrs. Elwood McKinley was a Decatur visitor Tuesday.

Carl Hornbeck has returned to his home at Holdridge, Neb., after a few months' visit with relatives.

Mr. Lewellen who bought a part of the Barrowman land, has moved his family to the village.

Miss Rita Batchelder of Warrensburg and Oliver Marquis of this village were married at Decatur Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Shoemaker, Mrs. Geo. Melborn and Mrs. Gulick were Decatur visitors Friday.

Miss Minnie Davis returned home Friday after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Dobson at Decatur.

Roy Orr of Mt. Zion spent Saturday with his mother.

Decatur visitors Saturday were: Mrs. E. McKinley, Mrs. Laura McKinley, Mrs. C. Cresler, Mrs. H. Reeser, Effie Orr and Messrs. E. J. Malone, Sawyer, Butler and Mathias.

WELDON.

Special Correspondence.

Weldon, Ill., March 15.—Denver Fullerton went to Kankakee Tuesday to accept a position offered him there.

Mrs. Frank Roberts and children, of Decatur, visited relatives here and at Lane last week.

B. W. Tilbury moved into the Gray property near the depot Monday.

The Misses Myrtle and Hazel Baker and Elsa Barker visited over Sunday in the country with Miss Kate Heimquist.

Mrs. Mary Spicer, of Clinton, was here on business Saturday.

The meetings at the M. E. church closed Sunday night owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Miss Ota Cook returned to her home at Farmer City Monday.

Dr. C. W. Chapin was in Clinton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker returned to their home near Wapella Monday.

Will Lane, from Clinton, was here Tuesday between trains.

The band entertainment and "Old Fiddlers' Contest" was a success financially, about $60 being cleared.

Miss Sylvia Dillivon accompanied her sister, Miss Estella, home to Iowa last Saturday for a three weeks' visit.

AUSTIN.

Special Correspondence.

Austin, Ill., March 15.—Miss Lucy Wright spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Ruth Adams.

Mrs. Amos Dill spent a few days last week with relatives near Orpur.

Jessie and Ethel Breisfeard spent Saturday with Mrs. C. H. Parker.

Charles Schultz and family moved to their new home in Maroa Thursday.

John Winters returned Thursday from an extended visit in Ohio.

Mrs. M. E. Jump spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Michael celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary Wednesday evening, March 7. A 6 o'clock dinner was served to about thirty guests. The evening was spent with games, music and dancing.

WALKER.

Special Correspondence.

Walker, Ill., March 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Oren Wright visited friends in Decatur Sunday.

William Spoon is on the sick list.

Misses Alta and Ethel Culberson were Macon visitors Saturday.

Quite a number from here attended the republican convention held at Macon Saturday afternoon.

John Hemes and Arthur Ficker attended the lecture at the M. E. church in Macon Monday evening.

Newton Aters and Ed Hill were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

C. Picker was in Moweaqua Tuesday on business.

James Jacobs, of Moweaqua, was a Walker visitor Tuesday.

C. H. Platt, of Clinton, and Henry Pinte, of Decatur, visited F. W. Pinte and family over Sunday.

Neylon Held for Murder.

Lincoln, Ill., March 15.—Thomas Neylon, who shot and killed Thomas Brown, Saturday night, is held on the charge of murder, a preliminary hearing being set for March 20.

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PEORIA LICENSE FIGHT

Council to Vote on a Proposition to Increase Fee for Saloons.

Peoria, March 15.—At a special session of the city council called for Friday night, Alderman D. S. Long will introduce a resolution increasing the saloon license from $500 to $1,000 a year. The increase of the license in this city has been considered for several months and was given definite shape by the Chicago high license fight.

There are 225 saloons in Peoria, and the backers of the scheme hope to increase the revenue of the city over $100,000 per year.

The proposition is being taken up by the women's clubs and ministers of the city. The issue is expected to develop a hot fight.

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MARKETS

FINLEY BARRELL LETTER.

By Tyler, Harney & Co., 112 East William St.—Both Phones 352.

Chicago, March 15.—WHEAT—Material improvement has been seen in the wheat price, trade condition and price. Prices have rallied easily from each decline, indicating the presence either of a big short interest or a growing investment or speculative demand. The long delayed improvement in the flour trade has been noted from about every center in the country, Canada as well. It has leaked out also that considerable winter wheat flour sales have been made for export. The milling demand for cash wheat has again been large. The responsive firmness abroad has helped wheat here. Weather conditions have been ideal for winter wheat crop. Snow or rainfall has been practically constant for the last six days in sections where moisture was deficient during the fall and winter. Predictions of more snow tomorrow and generally snowing today.

CORN—The corn situation has changed materially for the better. There was help from wheat in addition to independent conditions affecting corn directly. Offerings in sample market were not enough to go around and prices were bid up ½c to 1¼c per bushel. There has been a marked improvement in the scattered demand from Pennsylvania and New England in addition to the Canadian sales late yesterday of 200,000 bu. No. 3 yellow for spring shipment. Seaboard has not shown any buying disposition but there is little corn now running, and the trade is getting more bullish. Small offerings from interior continue.

OATS—Oats have scored a substantial advance, helped by advance in other grains and by attempts of shorts to cover, as in corn. Improved shipping sales, 250,000 bu here. Northwest stocks claimed to have been much depleted by recent sales made to secure elevator room for wheat. Cash demand here better in sample market with prices ¼c to ½c higher.

PROVISIONS — Receipts of hogs were again disappointingly small—12,000 less than expected but the market at the yards was feeling owing to consider the stock having been carried over. Provision list was dull for some time when brokers, presumed to be acting for packers, began buying pork and ribs. Lard was meanwhile comparatively neglected. Meat and lard shipments for the day were ahead of those of a year ago.

RANGE OF OPTIONS.

Chicago, March 15.—Following was the range of options on the board of trade today, with yesterday's close:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—May—	77⅞	78⅛	77⅜	77½-⅝	77
July—	77½-⅝	78	77⅜	77⅝-¾	77⅛
Sept.—	77⅛	77⅛-78	77⅜	77⅜	77⅛
CORN—May—	43⅞	43⅞	43⅝	43⅞-¼	43
July—	43⅞-½	43⅞	43⅝	43⅞-⅝	43½
Sept.—	44	44⅛	44	44⅛	43⅞
OATS—May—	29⅞-⅛	29⅞-30	29⅞	29⅞	29⅞-⅞
July—	28⅞	29	28⅞-⅞	28⅞	28⅝
Sept.—	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	27⅞
PORK—May—	15.67	15.85	15.60	15.82	15.70
LARD—May—	7.80	7.85	7.80	7.85	7.80
RIBS—May—	8.30	8.40	8.30	8.40	8.32

GRAIN AND STOCKS.

By J. L. Keister, Broker, Room 7, Columbia Block.

Decatur, Ill., March 15.—Following was the range of options on the board of trade at Kansas City and the range of prices of leading stocks on the New York Stock Exchange today, with yesterday's close:

Range of Options.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—May—	71⅞-72	72⅛	71⅞	72⅛	71⅞
July—	70⅛	70⅜	70⅛	70⅛	70⅜
CORN—May—	38⅞	39⅛	38⅞	39⅛	35⅛-⅜
July—	39-⅛	39⅛	39-⅛	39⅛	39⅛
OATS—May—	27⅛-⅛	28⅛	27⅞-⅛	28⅛	27⅛-⅛

New York Stocks.

	Open	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
Sugar	139⅛	139⅛	138⅛	138⅛	139⅜
U. S. S.	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞
U. S. Q.	105⅛	105⅛	105⅛	105⅜	105⅜
A. C. P.	107¼	108	107	107⅜	107⅞
Met.	114½	114⅛	113	114	114⅛
B. R. T.	85	85⅛	84⅞	84⅞	85
C. F. I.	63⅞	64⅞	63⅞	63⅞	64⅛
Man.	159	159	159	159	158⅞
Gas	96⅛	96⅛	94⅛	94⅞	97⅛
T. C. I.	150	...	...	150	151⅛
St. Paul	175⅛	176⅛	175⅛	175⅞	176⅛
Mo. Pac.	99⅛	99⅞	95	95	99⅛
Wabash	50⅛	51⅛	50⅛	51	51
B. & O.	110	110⅛	110	110	110⅛
Atch.	93⅞	93⅞	93⅛	93⅞	93⅞
Reading	127⅞	128⅛	126⅞	127⅞	127⅞
Erie	42⅞	42⅛	42⅛	42⅛	42⅞
Penna	137⅞	138	137⅞	137⅞	137⅞
Tex. Pac.	34	...	...	34	...
So. Pac.	66⅛	66⅞	66	66	66⅛
U. P.	152⅞	153⅛	152⅛	152⅛	152⅛
N. Y. C.	147	147	146	146	147
Can. Pac.	169⅞	...	...	169⅞	170
Ill. Cent.	171	...	...	171	171
R. I.	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	26⅞
R. Z.	66⅛	...	...	66⅛	66⅛
L. & N.	149	151⅛	149	150⅛	149
So. Ry.	40⅞	41⅛	40⅛	41	40⅛
G. W.	20⅞	...	...	20⅞	21
Mex. Cent.	24⅛	24⅞	24⅛	24⅛	24⅞
M. K. T.	...	...	...	...	35
Smelter	160	160⅛	159	160	160⅞
C. & O.	57	57⅛	57	57	56

TRADE WAS DULL.

At Times There Was Little Doing On Chicago Market.

Chicago, March 15.—Cattle—Trade was dull, at times almost inert, though prices did not show much change from yesterday's closing quotations. While sellers generally called the market steady, they found some trouble in disposing of even the light run of 5,000. Cow stuff was active.

Hogs—The demand was deplorably weak. Price levels, so far from showing any betterment, were as bad at the start as at the extreme close on the previous day. Stale stock, the bane of sellers, was again in the heavy supply, nearly 12,000 being left unsold last night. The packers held the market in the bad rut into which it had dropped yesterday. The best prices made $6.25.

Sheep—Good, strong active market, with prices in many cases 10c above yesterday's levels was reported by sheep sellers. Good sheep and lambs advanced, though the former showed more comparative strength than the latter.

GRAIN AT LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 15.—Spot nominal. Corn—Spot American mixed new firm, 4s 1d; old quiet 4s 7d.

WHEAT AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 15.—Wheat May, 76¼c to 76⅜c. July, 78⅝c; September, 77⅝c; No. 1 hard, 76c; No. 1 northern, 76⅜c; No. 2 northern, 74⅜c.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK.

St. Louis, March 15.—Cattle—Receipts 2,000; market steady to strong; beef steers, $3 to $6; stockers and feeders, $2.25 to $4.50, cows and heifers, $2.20 to $5; Texas steers, $3.90 to $4.70.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; ten to fifteen cents lower; prices ranged $5.40 to $6.30.

NEW YORK GRAIN.

New York, March 15.—Wheat—Receipts, 14,000; exports, 3,000. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 84¾c at elevator and 86½c f. o. b. and afloat. Options closed ⅛ to ¾ net higher; May, 84¾c.

Corn—Receipts, 92,000; exports, 260. Spot steady; No. 2, 51c at elevator and 47¾c f. o. b. and afloat; No. 2 yellow, and No. 2 white, 48¾c. Options closed ⅛c net lower, May, 49¾c.

Oats—Receipts, 105,000; spot steady; mixed, 34½c to 35½c; white, 35c to 36c; clipped white, 36½c to 38½c.

COFFEE.

New York, March 15.—Options closed steady, net unchanged to five points lower. Sales, 11,750 bags. Mar, $6.70 to $6.75. Spot rio quiet. Mild, steady.

SUGAR.

New York, March 15.—Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining 3; centrifugal 96 test 3½ to 3 17-32; molasses sugar, 2¾. Refined, firm.

MONEY.

New York, March 15.—Money on call strong and higher, 6 to 9 per cent; ruling rate, 5½ per cent; closing bid, 6; offered at 5½; time steady, sixty, ninety days, 5 to 5¼ per cent; six months, 5 per cent. Prime paper, 5 to 5½ per cent; exchange, strong, closing easier, demand, $487.85 to $487.90; sixty days, $482.50 to $482.75. Bar silver, 66⅝c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market steady, beeves, $3.95 to $6.40; stockers and feeders, $2.70 to $4.75; cows and heifers, $1.60 to $5.15; Texans, $3.85 to $4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market weak, mixed and butchers, $5.90 to $6.25; good heavy, $6.15 to $6.27½; rough, $5.90 to $6.05; light, $5.85 to $6.17½; bulk of sales, $6.15 to $6.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; market slow, weak; $3.75 to $6; lambs, $4.50 to $6.85.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN.

St. Louis, March 15.—Wheat—May, 75½c; corn, 41⅜c; oats, 30c.

POULTRY AND DAIRY.

Chicago, March 15.—Butter—Market steady, creameries, 16c to 26½c; dairies, 15c to 23c.

Eggs—Market firm; 13½c.

Poultry—Market firmer; turkeys, 11½c; chickens, 12c; springs, 12c.

New York, March 15—Butter—Market firm; prices unchanged.

Eggs—Market firm, firsts, 15¾c; seconds, 15¼c.

Poultry—Alive, market firm; chickens, 11½c; fowls, 12½c; turkeys, 12c to 20c.

Dressed—Market firm; chickens, 10c to 13c; fowls, 11c to 13½c; turkeys, 14c to 20c.

Decatur Markets.

POULTRY MARKET.

Hens 8½c
Old Cocks 5c
Spring chickens 8½c
Stags 7c
Gobblers 12c
Old Toms 11c
Hen turkeys 14c
F. F. geese 7c
F. F. ducks 8½c
Live pigeons, doz. 60c
Fresh eggs 12½c
Choice butter 13c
No. 1 hides 9c
Horse hides, large $2.75
Horse hides, small $2.50
Sheep pelts .... 40c to $1

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat 83
White corn, round lots, 37c; single loads 36c
Yellow corn, round lots 37; single loads 36c
Mixed oats 26c
White oats 27c
Rye 60c

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Wheat, for feed, bushel $1.00
Shorts, cwt. $1.20
Bran $1.05

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs .... $5.50 to $6.00
Butcher steers .... $4.00 to $4.50
Shipping Steers .... $4.50 to $5.00
Sheep .... $3.50 to $4.00
Cows .... $2.50 to $3.25
Calves .... $4.50 to $5.00
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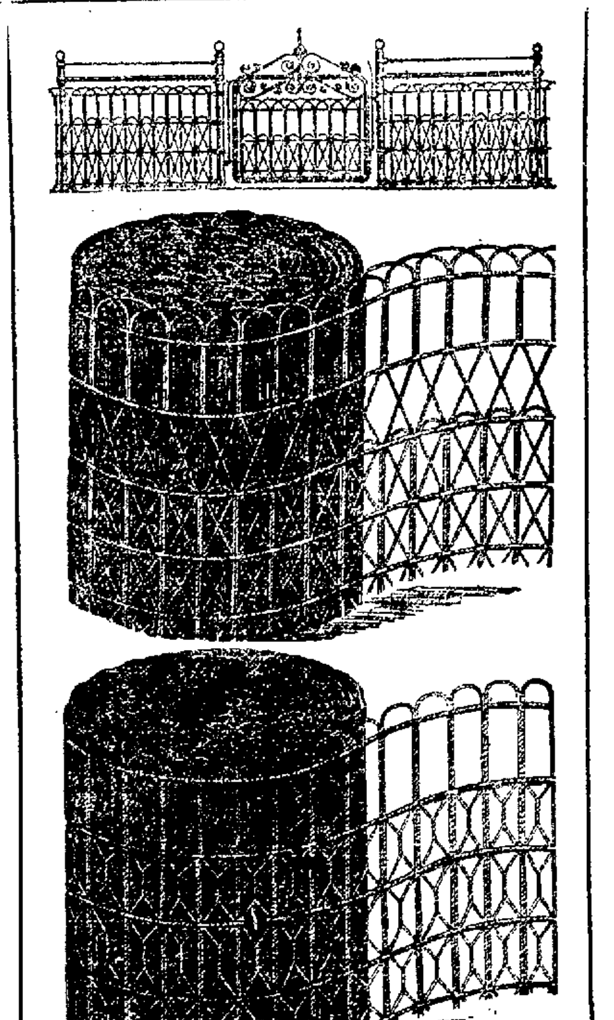

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